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The goal of this project was to add all proceedings that mentioned the growth and origin of the Oregon Ritual.

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Standing Orders and Resolutions
OF THE
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TERRITORY OF OREGON.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary hereafter cause to be printed and appended to the published minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at each annual communication, all the standing orders and resolutions of the Grand Lodge; and when any one shall be repealed, the order and resolution so repealed shall be omitted in the printed list. The list to be headed, "Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oregon."—June, 1855.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, after each annual communication, communicate to the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, the names of the Grand officers elect, accompanying the same with their signatures written with their own proper hand, and duly authenticated under the seal of this Grand Lodge.—June, 1855.

Resolved, That, at any session of this M. W. Grand Lodge, it shall be requisite for any member of the Grand Lodge who may wish to withdraw before the close of the session, to first obtain leave of absence from the Grand Lodge.—June, 1853.

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction shall produce their original records of proceedings, or certified copies thereof, at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.—June, 1857.

Resolved, That in procuring the printing for this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary be instructed to discriminate in favor of the lowest and best rates at which the same may be obtained.—June, 1855.

Resolved, That no petition shall be received from any candidate for initiation until he shall have resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, —June, 1857.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, any Brother of a Subordinate Lodge has a right to cast a black ball upon an application in his Lodge for any of the degrees, without subjecting his motives or reasons to be called in question by the Lodge or a Brother.—June, 1854.

Resolved, That an applicant whose petition for advancement has been rejected, shall not be entitled to renew his petition in less than six months.—June, 1854.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is not sufficient that the Committee to investigate the character and qualifications of a petitioner for the mysteries of Masonry, that they find nothing *against* him, but must state what his standing and qualifications are.—June, 1857.

Resolved, That no applicant for advancement shall be allowed to receive the degrees applied for until he shall have been examined in open Lodge, and prove himself a proficient in the work and lectures of the preceding degree.—June, 1857.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapprove of the practice of holding membership in more than one Lodge at the same time.—June, 1857.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that a member of a Subordinate Lodge who joins in a petition to form a new Lodge, cease to be a member of the old Lodge, when a charter is granted to the new.—June, 1857.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no Master Mason can withdraw his membership from a Subordinate Lodge, unless he be about to remove from the jurisdiction thereof—or for the purpose of joining another Lodge, and in such case he may demit, upon payment of his dues, provided there be no charges against him.—June, 1854.

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Your Committee can not conceive why the *vending* should not be prohibited as well as the *use*. Why legislation should not be had in one case as well as in the other. If it is a Masonic offense to indulge in the *use*, how much greater the offense for a Brother to be instrumental in placing the poisoned cup to his Brother's lips, thereby causing him not only to commit an offense against our laws, but actually luring him to disgrace and ruin, instead of warning him of his danger.

Your Committee would therefore recommend and earnestly urge the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this M. W. Grand Lodge, any Mason under this jurisdiction who is now, or may be hereafter, engaged in the retail sale and traffic of intoxicating liquors, shall be liable to strict Masonic discipline. And that it shall be made the imperative duty of the W. M. of each of the Subordinate Lodges, under this jurisdiction to present to his Lodge, every Brother culpable in this particular, and, if found guilty, cause him to receive such punishment as is usually inflicted on members, for violating the edict in regard to its use.

In regard to the work of Subordinate Lodges while your Committee entirely concur in the opinion that uniformity in that part of the work of Subordinate Lodges usually denominated *Ritual* is very much to be desired, and that no effort should be spared by the Grand Lodge to attain such a result, they can not recommend the plan suggested by the Inspector of District No. 2, and in which the Grand Master is disposed to acquiesce, chiefly because of the large expense incurred, which would necessarily have to be met from the funds of the Grand Lodge. Your Committee are clearly of the opinion that it was the intention of this M. W. Grand Lodge, as expressed in the third regulation of the report of the Committee on Uniformity of Work at the last Annual Communication, to provide for a permanent uniform work, to be adopted and practiced after the present session of the Grand Lodge. In view of this expression on the part of the Grand Lodge, your Committee can not do otherwise than recommend that the provisions of the third regulation, as reported by the Committee on Uniformity of Work, at that communication, be strictly observed.

Your Committee would therefore ask the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to assemble immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as practicable, under the direction of the Grand Master, and proceed to adopt a uniform work ; which work, when agreed upon, shall be communicated to the inspectors of the several districts, by the Grand Master, and by them to the members of the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. McF. PATTON, }
C. J. TRENCHARD, } *Committee.*
R. R. THOMPSON, }

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted :—

Whereas a competent number of Master Masons residing at Winchester, Douglas County, O. T., duly recommended and vouched for by Laurel Lodge, No. 13, and Warren Lodge, No. 10, are desirous of forming a new Lodge at Winchester, therefore,

Resolved, That a Warrant of Constitution be issued in the usual form to the said Brethren, to form a new Lodge at Winchester, by the name of Winchester Lodge, No. 16.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to each subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, now existing, or hereafter to be established, to procure and possess, for the use of the officers and members thereof, a copy of the Universal Masonic Library, compiled and published by Brother Robert Morris, of Kentucky, and that each of the subordinate Lodges filing with the Grand Secre-

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We have also examined the proceedings of Corvallis Lodge, and find them correct, and would recommend a charter be granted them by the name of Corvallis Lodge, No. 14, at Corvallis, Benton County, O. T.

We have examined the minutes of Wasco Lodge, and find the same regular, and would recommend that a Charter be issued to them, by the name of Wasco Lodge, No. 15, situated at Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon.

We have also examined the proceedings of Corinthian Lodge, at Albany, and find them deficient and irregular, and would recommend that they be continued under dispensation for another year. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BAYLEY,
SEWALL TRUAX,
J. M. BATCHELDER, } *Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That Charters be issued to Laurel Lodge, No. 13, at Roseburg, Douglas County, O. T.; Corvallis Lodge, No. 14, at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon; and to Wasco Lodge, No. 15, at Dalles, Wasco County, O. T., and that a dispensation be issued to Corinthian Lodge, at Albany, Linn County, Oregon.

On motion, the Representatives of Lodges, Nos. 13, 14, and 15, were admitted to seats as members of this Grand Lodge.

A communication from H. S. Aiken was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Grievance.

The following report of the Inspector of District, No. 2, was read and adopted :—

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE TERRITORY OF OREGON, IN SESSION :—
The undersigned Grand Inspector of District No. 2, would respectfully report that, agreeably to a resolution of the M. W. Grand Lodge, at its last session, it became the duty of the M. W. Grand Master, to call the Grand Inspectors together, for the purpose of comparing and adopting a uniform work for this jurisdiction; accordingly, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Inspectors together, at Dallas, Polk County, O. T., about the first of October, 1856. Present :—

M. W. A. M. BELT, Grand Master.
R. W. J. R. BAYLEY, Inspector for District, No. 2.
Brother HARVEY GORDON, " " " " 3.
Brother T. McF. PATTON, " " " " 4.

We proceeded to compare work under the supervision of the M. W. Grand Master; there appearing quite a difference in work and opinion, we were about to fail in coming to any definite conclusion, when learning that the R. W. Grand Senior Warden of California (Brother Lyon) was in the neighborhood, we sent for him to come and attend our deliberations, he responded to our call, and after hearing him go through the several lectures, there being so little difference between his method of working and mine, that the M. W. Grand Master and Inspectors agreed to adopt it, with a few exceptions. We accordingly proceeded to our labors. After remaining in Dallas two days, and there not being a suitable room for our accommodation, we adjourned to Salem for the purpose of exemplifying the work. We remained there three days, and then adjourned to our several jurisdictions, to teach the work, as adopted.

Owing to sickness in my family, I have not been able to visit all of the Lodges in my jurisdiction, but have visited Lafayette Lodge, No. 3, and thoroughly instructed them in the work. I have also visited Multnomah, No. 1, Willamette, No. 2, and Harmony, No. 12, and found that R. W. Brother Lyon, by my request, and the approval of the M. W. Grand Master, had visited these Lodges, and thoroughly prepared them for work in the several degrees. At the time of my visiting them, I was very highly gratified to find that the feuds and discords that existed at the last grand communication, at Portland, had all subsided, and

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ducing much harm to the order, I am happy to inform the Grand Lodge, that these difficulties have very much diminished, and much more harmony is perceptible.

Intemperance must always be the bane of any institution in which it gains a foothold, and especially must it bring dishonor upon such institutions when any of its members are allowed with impunity to engage openly and avowedly in the work of making drunkards, and scattering ruin abroad among peaceful and happy families, and to set at defiance, in the pursuit of their dishonorable business, the moral sense of all good men. I would therefore recommend that such action be taken by this Grand Lodge as shall make it imperative on the subordinate Lodge to prevent any of their members from engaging in the dishonorable employment of selling intoxicating drinks.

Nothing can tend more to enhance the harmony and respectability, in the eyes of the world and in our own opinion, and to promote the general welfare of our beloved and venerated order, than such action as shall maintain temperance as one of our cardinal virtues, one which can not be abandoned, and Masonry remain; one which must be relied on to protect and perpetuate all the other virtues, and keep the very foundation stones of the Masonic edifice from being overturned.

It is to be feared that, in an undue haste to extend our Order, proper care is not always taken to prevent the intrusion of unworthy members. As the Grand Master of Louisiana has justly said:—"Masons are made too fast. Rivalry and competition, and a false ambition to accumulate influence by numbers, may do much to hinder our progress, and may even prepare the way for dreadful disasters. It is not sufficient in examining the character and qualifications of a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry, that nothing can be said against him; he should be recommended for his virtues." And now that prosperity is again more fully returning to the support of our Order, I feel it incumbent to enjoin upon you, in this day of prosperity, to profit by the past. We shall do well to consider what kind of men abandoned and denounced Masonry in the day of trial, and were ready, for political and selfish motives, to give it up to become the prey and sport of its enemies; and to see to it that such men are not admitted. Now is the time to be careful in the selection of candidates. We should be careful. We can refuse admittance to the unworthy. Such numbers are coming to our portals as to demand of us care; the future of our Order demands this care. It were better that a subordinate Lodge should become extinct than that it should admit one unworthy person to the inner temple. In looking over the various Grand Lodge reports which have come to hand, I have been struck with the fact that so many of the Grand Masters are calling attention to this subject. Forebodings of evil from this cause seem to be very general, and care and vigilance must be used, or they will be realized.

I have already alluded to the fact that the quality of work done in the subordinate Lodges has improved. Nothing can be considered more calculated to lessen the love of Masons for Masonry than a want of system, correctness, and uniformity in the mode of work. Great effort should be made to secure further improvement in this respect, that entire uniformity may be secured and perfected in this jurisdiction. To secure this, two things are necessary:—First, that the law requiring that no candidate be advanced to the higher degrees until he shall be well instructed in the preceding, be more rigidly enforced. When every Lodge shall be more proud of the correctness of its work than of the accumulation of material, a noble advancement will be made toward perfect Masonry. In my judgment, no man who is unable or unwilling to acquire a correct knowledge of the ritual and work of Masonry, should be advanced to the degree of Master Mason. He who is not entitled thereto should not receive wages. That the ignorant and unskillful shall be retained as Entered

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On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of \$305 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any funds in the Grand Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and placed at the disposal of the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Grand Lodge Regalia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of \$175 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any funds in the Grand Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and a warrant therefor issued in favor of A. M. & L. M. STARR, and the sum of \$80 in like manner, and warrant as aforesaid in favor of Jos. W. CLEAVER, and that the same be charged by the Grand Treasurer to an "extraordinary expense account," and the amount hereafter reimbursed to the general treasury out of any funds accruing to that account by the Grand Treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of \$67 85 appearing in the Secretary's account of receipts, be reserved from general appropriations, and carried to the credit of an "extraordinary expense account" by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Credentials reported the Grand Secretary duly authorized to represent Steilacoom Lodge No. 8, and, on motion, his name was ordered to be entered on the roll as the representative of that Lodge.

On motion, the By-Laws of Steilacoom Lodge No. 8 were referred to the Committee on By-Laws, and the proceedings of said Lodge to the Committee on Grievance.

The select Committee on "uniformity of work" presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted, and a Committee appointed in accordance therewith, consisting of Brothers BAYLEY and DAVIDSON.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge (in session) :

Your Committee for want of time, have not made a thorough examination of the discrepancies that exist in the work of Subordinate Lodges, but finding that such discrepancies do exist, they would respectfully submit to your consideration the following regulations, for the promotion of uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

1st. That this M. W. Grand Lodge should, at its regular annual communications, set apart its evening sessions for the instruction of its members after the most approved modes of work, and for the examination and correction of any discrepancies that may be presented as occurring in the work of Subordinate Lodges.

2d. That at as early a period after the session of the M. W. Grand Lodge as possible, the M. W. Grand Master shall convene the Grand Inspectors of the several Districts, at some suitable place designated by him, and there determine the mode of work to be practised by the Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction.

3d. To obtain further light: That this M. W. Grand Lodge instruct the present R. W. Grand Secretary (who is about to visit the east) to obtain all light and Masonic knowledge practicable, from the older lodges with whom

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The vacancy in the standing Committee on Grievance, was supplied by the appointment of the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The report of the select Committee on the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, were considered by sections, and adopted.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee, the following select Committees were, on motion, appointed :

A select Committee, consisting of Brothers McELROY, BRISROW and TILLOTSON, to whom was referred the subject of suitably commemorating the untimely end of Brothers SLAUGHTER, BENNETT, HEMBREE and others in the present Indian hostilities, desolating the frontiers of our settlements.

A select Committee, composed of Brothers BAYLEY, PATTON and MOFFITT, to whom was referred the subject of the representation system between this and other Grand Lodges.

A select Committee, composed of Brothers FERGUSON, WAIT and STEELE, to whom was referred the subject of "uniformity of work" in the Subordinate Lodges.

The resolution lying on the table in relation to election of Grand officers, was, on motion, now duly considered, amended and adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That the election of Grand officers of this M. W. Grand Lodge be made the special order for Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at Salem.

A communication from the W. M. of Olympia Lodge No. 5 was read, and, on motion, referred to the standing Committee on Grievance.

The Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge (in session) :

Your Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges beg leave to report. They find that the following named Lodges have adopted amendments to their By-Laws :

Multnomah Lodge No. 1, an amendment reducing the amount of the fees.

Willamette No. 2, an amendment changing the time of meeting.

Lafayette Lodge No. 3, an amendment reducing the amount of the fees.

Olympia Lodge No. 5, amend Sec. 2d of Article 3d by adding as follows :
"No petition for initiation shall be received, unless the applicant shall have resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Lodge ; and every applicant, after election, shall come forward for initiation within two months after his election, otherwise said election shall be considered void."

Temple Lodge No. 7, an amendment changing the time of meeting.

After an examination of the several amendments proposed, your Committee believing them to be in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages, recommend their approval.

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Charter, and of course could not obtain one, even if their records were sufficiently regular.

In explanation, allow me to say, that most of the Masons in the vicinity live in the country, where their families and property have been continually exposed to danger from Indians. It is, therefore, easy to account for their apparent apathy in attending Lodge meetings and preparing the G. L. returns. They are all, as far as I am informed, "good men and true," and zealous for the prosperity of the fraternity, and mostly qualified to be active and efficient members.

Under the circumstances, I hope you will advise the M. W. Grand Lodge of the propriety of granting a Dispensation to the persons who now appear as members of Laurel Lodge, viz: JOHN DILLARD, JAMES J. PATTON, JAMES ODLE, JAMES TURNER, C. P. STRATTON, MARKUS ABRAHAMS and DANIEL CARLAND, the first three named in order to be the W. M., S. W. and J. W. The Grand Lodge is not wronging its funds of its dues on affiliations by admitting so many members at once, for these have already paid the amount for Grand Lodge dues along with their return; neither is there any probability of producing discord by admitting these seven Brethren to work together under Dispensation, for five of them have been elected with the consent of those named in the old Dispensation. In relation to the three principal officers of the Lodge, there is no petition asking for the appointment of any one, but I refer you to the informal election held on the 12th of January, 1856, by the brothers present.

I hope they will be allowed to continue their work, for in addition to the loss which would be incurred by discontinuing the room they have furnished, it would be very mortifying to them to be prohibited from work.

HARVEY GORDON.

Salem, June 1, 1856.

That portion of the foregoing report relating to Laurel Lodge was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Present: officers, members and delegates of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Grand Master presiding.

Brother J. C. BELL, G. J. W. *pro tem*.

The Grand Inspector of the Central District presented the following report, which was, on motion, referred to the select Committee on address of the M. W. Grand Master:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oregon (in session):

The undersigned, Grand Inspector of the Central District, would respectfully report:

That each of the Subordinate Lodges, comprising the Central District, have been visited at least once during the past Masenic year, and with a single exception, a highly satisfactory degree of uniformity characterizes

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candidate for our mysteries, and then after making suitable proficiency, and applies for advancement, to coolly tell him that some one objects? The natural question arises, on what ground does some one object? You can not say, you do not know! A *Mason* is denied a privilege by another *Mason*—he is denied the right to refute a charge which is secretly made against him; or if really valid objections exist, the Lodge then is injured by having no clue to the evidence against him; the objecting member studiously refraining from making known his objection. Would it not be more *Masonic* to consider the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft in the light of a *Mason*, as he really is, and entitled to our protection as such? If charges are made against him, that he may have an opportunity to refute those charges, and if on examination he is found guilty of an offense, or if he has deceived the Lodge and proves to be other than he was represented, let the Master, whom he is taught to serve, expel him on his own motion, and thus free the Lodge from a useless drone—or in other words, reject the stone as wholly unfit for the moral *Masonic* edifice we are endeavoring to erect. I deem this a suitable subject for your consideration, and one which I trust you will cautiously and carefully investigate.

I am induced to call your attention to the subject of border jurisdiction, from a communication received from M. W. Brother W. H. HOWARD, Grand Master of California, in which he asks my permission for Crescent Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, to make *Masons* of citizens of Oregon residing near to Crescent Lodge, in California, and far remote from any Lodge in Oregon. I very cheerfully gave the permission asked for, and now recommend that you adopt a resolution on this subject, that will have for its object the proximity of residence and convenience of application, rather than geographical lines.

I have received during the year just closed, a communication from M. W. Brother JOSEPH D. EVANS, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, on the subject of Grand Lodge Representation, and proposing an interchange of representatives. My first impression was adverse to the plan proposed, but subsequent correspondence on the subject, has induced me to waive my objections and adopt the "representative system." The names of our respective Grand Lodge representatives have been agreed upon, and as this new system (to us) incurs no expense, I trust you will approve my acts in the premises, and that the most sanguine expectations of the distinguished brother that proposed it may be fully realized.

The subject of uniformity of work, can not fail to claim your attention at the present session. Three years ago the Grand Lodge elected a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it was to teach the work, as then agreed upon, in all the Subordinate Lodges. I need not remind you that little or nothing was done by that officer. At our last annual communication, in order to more thoroughly provide for the necessities of the Subordinate Lodges in this respect, the two Territories comprised within our jurisdiction, were divided into

three districts, and Grand Lecturers appointed for each. The great discrepancy in work, which exists throughout the entire jurisdiction, calls loudly for reformation, and I trust you will adopt some plan that will arrest the innovations that are constantly creeping into the ritual. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge set apart a portion of its time for the exemplification of work and rehearsal of the lectures in the several degrees, and, if possible, adopt a uniform system that shall go forth as *the* work of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

I would also recommend that you adopt, at the present session, a uniform code of By-Laws, for the government of Subordinate Lodges. Under the present regulation, each Lodge prepares its own By-Laws, and as they can not be enforced until approved by the Grand Lodge, which of course makes it the act of the Grand Lodge, I would recommend this plan to avoid inconsistencies in legislation. Brevity should be a characteristic feature in the preparation of these Laws, yet they should be sufficiently comprehensive to include every thing which should be included in the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge; then *beauty* will be added to *strength* in the uniformity that would prevail among the Lodges.

During the present session, many important matters will be presented for your consideration, of which it is not proper for me to speak at present, but I can not let this opportunity pass to express my confidence in your ability and willingness to apply the necessary remedy for wrong doing, and to be always guarded against dissensions coming from whatever quarter it may.

I trust your many duties will not so engross your attention, as to cause you to wholly lose sight of our prospects for adding to the sum accumulated for educational purposes. Many of our sister Grand Lodges are condemning the plan of establishing institutions of learning under the guidance of Masonry. I trust that young and feeble as we are, that we shall not be deterred from our duty in this respect, because other older and abler Grand Lodges have shrunk from the undertaking, in consequence of its magnitude and importance. Our efforts thus far to accumulate a sum exclusively for educational purposes, have been, considering the few Lodges comprised within our jurisdiction, abundantly successful. This subject I trust will not fail to claim your favorable attention.

I now wish to remind you that my term of service is about to expire, and that it is my unaffected wish to retire from the high position in which it has been your pleasure to place me. From the first organization of this Grand Lodge to the present time, I have been honored with prominent stations at your hands, and in closing my official relations with you as your chief officer for the past three years, I desire thus publicly to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the confidence you have at all times reposed in me. For the support and assistance rendered me at all times by the Grand officers and members, with whom and myself uninterrupted harmony and fraternal union have existed, and for the respect that has always been awarded my official

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in answer to the Resolution adopted by this M. W. G. L. at its last annual session, requesting all W. M.'s of Subordinate Lodges to solicit subscriptions from all Masons under their jurisdiction in aid of the Washington Monument Association. He has obtained from the following named Brethren the amount opposite their respective names :

J. C. Ainsworth.....\$1	Thos. Charman.....\$1	A. E. Wait.....\$1
F. S. Holland.....1	J. Marks.....1	C. L. Goodrich.....1
F. Barclay.....1	David Lowe.....1	A. B. Springer.....1
Geo. W. Hyde.....1	J. K. Ralston.....1	L. F. Cartee.....1
A. McKinlay.....1	E. Kahn.....1	A. K. Post.....1
Wm. Holmes.....1	A. H. Steel.....1	Thos. Wygant.....1
A. M. Belt.....1	N. Huber.....1	In all.....\$20 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. AINSWORTH, W. M.

Multnomah Lodge No. 1.

The Grand Lecturer submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted, and the accompanying Resolution adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oregon—In Session—

The Grand Lecturer would respectfully Report: That during the past Masonic year, he has visited a part of the Masonic Lodges under your jurisdiction; but that he has not been able to personally inspect and instruct all the Lodges. By the standing order of the Grand Lodge, it was his duty to visit each Subordinate Lodge at least twice during the year. Other duties as well incident to the various offices with which the Grand Lecturer was charged by the Grand Lodge, as connected with his own avocations have precluded his faithful compliance with that order of the Grand Lodge, and he appeals with confidence to your indulgence for his apparent dereliction.

The great distance necessary to travel in order to a full compliance with the standing rule of the G. L., and the travelling facilities of the country at the season of the year when it is contemplated that the Subordinate Lodges shall be visited by the Grand Lecturer, induce the present incumbent of that office to recommend that your jurisdiction be divided into three inspection districts, and a Grand Inspector appointed in each.

Although he has not visited all the Lodges, yet, from information derived from a personal inspection of a part, and from intercourse with well informed members of the others, the Grand Lecturer is enabled to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the uniformity of work, and the commendable zeal which is manifested in the several Subordinate Lodges under your control. Distributed over such an extensive Territory as they are, this would scarcely be expected; but it must be borne in mind that in every Lodge now organized within the limits of your jurisdiction, there are active and efficient members who received their earliest impressions of Masonry, and their earliest instruction in its practical application within the body of a Lodge, from those who stood by the cradle of Free Masonry in Oregon. The harmony existing among your several Subordinates is perfect,—and a prompt and cheerful compliance with your regulations has been every where exhibited.

The gratifying results produced by the application of the stringent rule passed at your last annual communication for the suppression of intemperance, encourage renewed exertions on the part of the G. L. to elevate and maintain the

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And they were severally, duly installed; Bro. A. V. Wilson being installed as proxy for Grand Tyler.

The following appointments of standing Committees and subordinate officers of Grand Lodge, were announced by the M.:W.:Grand Master, viz:

Committee on Credentials.

Bros. W. S. Caldwell,
A. V. Wilson,
T. J. Dryer.

Committee on Grievance.

Bros. A. M. Belt,
T. F. McElroy,
E. D. Harris.

Committee on Finance.

Bros. W. H. Wallace,
F. Farnsworth,
B. Zumwalt.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros. Benj. Stark,
A. E. Wait,
B. Jennings.

Appointed Officers.

Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain,	FREEMAN FARNSWORTH.
Grand Marshal,	JOEL PALMER.
Grand Standard Bearer,	H. S. BUCK.
Grand Sword Bearer.	WILEY CHAPMAN.
Grand Senior Deacon,	F. WAYMIRE.
Grand Junior Deacon,	T. CHARMAN.
Grand Senior Steward,	LEWIS DAY.
Grand Junior Steward,	CHARLES B. PILLOW.
Grand Tyler,	T. J. HOLMES.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, An uniformity of work under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge does not exist ; and

WHEREAS, The last Most Worshipful Grand Lodge created the office of Right Worthy Grand Lecturer, which has not operated to the entire satisfaction of all the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction ; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Right Worthy Grand Lecturer shall, as early as practicable after the close of each stated Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, visit each Subordinate Lodge, in his official capacity, (having given the Worshipful Master sufficient notice to enable him to summon the members) when he will instruct in the work of the several Degrees.

Resolved, Further, that subsequent to the 27th of December, and prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in each year, the Right Worthy Grand Lecturer shall visit each Subordinate Lodge, and examine the records thereof.

The resolutions reported by the Committee on Grievance now lying upon the table, were taken up, and the first resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the second resolution was amended, and the amendment as follows, was adopted by the Grand Lodge, viz :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master or his Deputy, cause the said Hutchins to be summoned to appear at some stated Communication of Willamette Lodge, and that he be reprimanded by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or his Deputy, and re-instated to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

On motion, Brothers T. J. Dryer and R. Thompson were excused from further attendance upon this Grand Lodge after this day.

The Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges presented the following report, which, on motion, was accepted, adopted and the Committee discharged:

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On motion, a committee consisting of P. G. M. Jennings, Brothers Wait and Ralston, was appointed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the accommodation of the M. W. Grand Lodge on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist.

On motion, it was resolved, in order to insure uniformity of work under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge that the office of W. G. Lecturer be created, to continue during the pleasure of the M. W. Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to visit all the subordinate lodges, as often as may be necessary, and instruct them in the work, and whose expenses shall be paid by the lodges visited as they may from time to time determine.

On motion, the M. W. Grand Lodge proceeded thereupon to the election of a W. Grand Lecturer, and Brother Stark was duly elected.

On motion, it was resolved that the next annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge be held at Salem.

After some time spent in a further exemplification of masonic work, the M. W. Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow at 9 A. M.

JUNE 17th A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present the same officers as yesterday.

The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following resolution was submitted, and on motion, adopted:

"Resolved, That at any session of this M. W. Grand Lodge, it shall be requisite for any member of the Grand Lodge who may wish to withdraw before the close of the session to first obtain leave of absence from the Grand Lodge."

The following report was received from the Grand Secretary, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to audit and finally pass the same:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE TERRITORY OF OREGON,
IN SESSION:

The Grand Secretary begs leave to report as follows: The late hour at which the report of Lafayette Lodge was received, has delayed until this time the report of the Grand Secretary—the delay being compensated by a full exhibit of the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which will be shown by the accompanying account current.

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE TERRITORY OF OREGON,	
IN ACCOUNT WITH BENJ. STARK, G. S.	
To Cash paid Bro. T. J. Dryer, bill of printing.....	\$ 102 00.
" " " for Postage.....	4 75.
" " " Bro. Holmes, services as Grand Tyler.....	6 00.
" " " for Stationery &c.....	6 00.
" This amount returned to Multnomah Lodge No. 1, being am't of loan rec'd from that Lodge at the organization of the Grand Lodge.....	100 00.
" the same am't returned to Willamette Lodge No. 2.....	100 00.
" Incidental expenses of the Grand Secretary incurred by visit to Olympia Lodge under authority of the M. W. G. Master....	12 75.
Balance to new account.....	464 47.
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The Committee on Credentials reported the following representatives of Subordinate Lodges:

Multnomah Lodge No. 1, at Oregon City;
 A. E. Wait, M. W.,
 A. Holbrook, proxy for S. W.,
 F. S. Holland, J. W.
 Willamette Lodge No. 2, at Portland;
 Benj. Stark, W. M.,
 Robt Thompson, S. W.,
 Thos. J. Dryer, J. W.
 Lafayette Lodge No. 3, at Lafayette;
 Unrepresented.
 Salem Lodge No. 4, at Salem;
 A. M. Belt, proxy for W. M.,
 Wiley Chapman, proxy for S. and J. W.,

which report, on motion, was accepted.

Question arising upon the policy and propriety of allowing the same person to hold more than one proxy, it was decided affirmatively, and on motion, the report was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address:

BRETHREN: Through the favor of the Supreme Architect of the universe, we are again permitted to convene in Grand communication, for the purpose of transacting such business as may be devolved upon us as the guardians of the Craft within this jurisdiction. Since the last annual communication there have been no material changes in the affairs of the Fraternity. A healthy and vigorous growth has been exhibited. The tendency is still upward. I am happy to notice a continual vigilance on the part of the constituent lodges in the investigation of the character of candidates for initiation into the mysteries of free masonry. Nothing can be better calculated to secure the prosperity, peace and harmony of the fraternity than the maintenance of a strong guard at the entrance to our lodges. If it so happen that we cannot be made well acquainted with the whole life and character of a candidate it is his misfortune, and not our fault.

On the 25th November last I granted a dispensation to sundry Brethren residing at Olympia, Puget Sound, to open a lodge under the name of Olympia Lodge, returnable at this grand communication, which return has been promptly made through their Worshipful Master Brother T. F. McElroy.

Application has been made to me on several occasions for authority to do what could not be done by a subordinate lodge without authority from the grand master. In cases where in my judgment no possible evil could result I have granted dispensations; where delay could occasion no serious injury, fearing the ill effects of the example, I have declined to grant the authority requested. In one instance I have authorized a new ballot to be taken upon the petition of a candidate once rejected. This however was upon the application of the lodge when all its members were present, and upon the declaration in open lodge of the opposing brother that he now desired to vote for the candidate, having voted before against him under a misapprehension. Under these circumstances I did not deem it advisable to refuse, although I doubt somewhat the policy of setting aside the by-laws of the lodge in such a case. In two instances I have granted authority to confer the second and third degrees at one and the same communication, believing both to be cases of emergency.

On account of the insecurity of the lodge room, Salem Lodge No. 4 has suspended work until the completion of their new hall. This is well calculated to strengthen our confidence in the prudence and regularity of the proceedings of that lodge.

Believing that the extension of the fraternity under our jurisdiction renders necessary the prompt adoption of efficient means to secure uniformity of work, I would earnestly press the subject upon your consideration at this session.

Much difference of opinion prevails upon questions of masonic jurisprudence. In order to promote uniformity in this, I would recommend the appropriation of a sufficient sum of money to procure such standard works upon the science of masonic jurisprudence as have from time to time been published and have received the sanction of the fraternity. I hope this may be done, so that my successors in office may have advantages of which I have been deprived.

At the last annual communication I urged upon the craft the patronage and support of the Masonic Review published by Brother C. Moore at Cincinnati. Since that time the members of Salem lodge have subscribed liberally for that work. The mem-

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ette Lodge, No. 2. In the accompanying report the dues to M. W. Grand Lodge are made out for the above named Brethren. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully and fraternally, F. S. HOLLAND, Secretary.

On motion, the communication was referred to the M. W. Grand Master with power.

The By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge, No. 3, were received, and, on motion, were referred to the select committee on By-Laws, composed of M. W. G. M., R. W. D. G. M., and R. W. G. Secretary.

The committee reported the code of Lafayette Lodge, No. 3, amended by striking out the last clause of Article 18.

On motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion, the code of Lafayette Lodge, No. 3, was amended by inserting the following clause in Article 18:

"But to Ministers of the Gospel of good character and standing, who may be admitted to membership and to receive the several degrees, the Lodge, by vote, may remit the foregoing fees."

On motion, the amended code was approved, and ordered to be adopted for the government of that Lodge.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution, having the recommendation of three Subordinate Lodges, were presented:

"To amend Article 3, Sec. 1, by striking out the word *first* and inserting the word *second*.

To amend Article 10, Sec. 5, so that it shall not prohibit the conferring the three degrees of Masonry upon a regularly ordained Minister of the gospel in good standing without fee."

On motion, they were ordered to be printed with the proceedings and lie over to the next annual communication for consideration.

On motion, further time was granted to the committee to procure a suitable seal for the use of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion, R. W. D. G. M. Elliott installed Worshipful Bro. B. Jennings as M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oregon.

On motion, the M. W. Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The M. W. Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master presiding.

On motion, the Grand Officers elect were then severally installed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master take such measures as he may deem to be expedient during the recess, to secure uniformity of work within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The following report was presented by the Grand Secretary:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, in session:

The Grand Secretary respectfully submits herewith a statement of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge since its organization:

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons,

In account with Benj. Stark, Grand Secretary:

To cash paid Bro. T. J. Dryer, printing bill.....	\$205.00
" " " " for postage.....	3.75
" " " " stationery, &c.....	4.50
" balance carried to new account.....	287.34 \$500.59
MULTNOMAH LODGE, No. 1.	
By cash received pursuant to resolution of Grand Lodge.....	\$100.00
By cash for dues to date.....	52.75
WILLAMETTE LODGE, No. 2.	
By cash received pursuant to resolution of Grand Lodge.....	\$100.00
" " " " for dues to date.....	61.00
LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 3.	
By cash received for dues.....	\$41.75
SALEM LODGE, No. 4.	
By cash received for Dispensation.....	\$50.00
" " " " dues.....	60.09
" " " " Charter.....	35.00 \$500.59

Showing balance in the hands of the Grand Secretary, due to the Grand Lodge, of \$287.34. He has caused 300 copies of the proceedings of the convention to form the Grand Lodge, and the Constitution and proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its first session, to be published in pamphlet form, pursuant to resolution, and has forwarded copies thereof to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to the Grand Lodges throughout the United States.

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The M. W. Grand Master, appointed the following Grand Officers :

Grand Chaplain—Rev. DAVID LESLIE ;
 Grand Marshal—Bro. LEWIS MAY ;
 Grand Standard Bearer—Bro. WM. S. CALDWELL ;
 Grand Sword Bearer—Bro. H. S. BUCK ;
 Grand Senior Deacon—Bro. R. R. THOMPSON ;
 Grand Junior Deacon—Bro. H. D. GARRETT ;
 Grand Stewards—{ Bro. G. H. HARRISON, and
 { “ F. A. CLARK ;
 Grand Tyler—Bro. WM. HOLMES.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Standing Committees be as follows, viz :

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Bro. R. R. THOMPSON, Chairman ;
 “ ROBT. THOMPSON, and
 “ H. D. GARRETT.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE.

Bro. JOHN ELLIOTT, Chairman ;
 “ W. J. BERRY, and
 “ J. C. AINSWORTH.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bro. B. JENNINGS, Chairman ;
 “ W. J. BERRY, and
 “ J. C. AINSWORTH.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. B. STARK, Chairman ;
 “ R. R. THOMPSON, and
 “ LEWIS MAY.

On motion,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master take such measures during the recess, as he may deem proper, to establish uniformity of Masonic work under this jurisdiction.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST: BENJ. STARK, *Grand Secretary*.

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them safely in the path of duty and honor. To his private virtues, which were preëminent, were added rare mental accomplishments. His strong, vigorous mind was finely cultivated, and richly furnished with Masonic lore. He wrote much for the Order, and his writings are regarded as standard works wherever they are known. As text-books, they are appealed to in all doubtful points of Masonry. For six years he presided over this body, and with an ability never since equalled. But abler pens than mine have already done justice to his memory."

Bro. Fuller, Grand Secretary, presented the report on Correspondence, which is a faithful and well written digest of the results of the careful examination which he so well knows how to make.

During the session an admirable address was delivered by Rev. Bro. Hanner, Grand Orator, which is published with the proceedings; it would be instructive to draw largely from it, but we have room only for the concluding paragraph:—

"What glories of the world have passed away since Solomon's Temple first lifted its gilded dome, and displayed its spreading arches, brazen pillars, and marble columns to the sun! Empires have been overturned, the thrones of princes undersunk; philosophers and their systems have shone, dazzled, and vanished. The mightiest fabrics which architectural skill has raised and the fine arts adorned have crumbled down. The lofty spires of idol-temples, and the marble statues which filled them, have blended with the dust, and are numbered with "the things that were." Even the gorgeous Temple itself, with its ten thousand royal ornaments and magnificent profusion of costly furniture, is buried in the deep shade of the cypress—the blaze of its splendor quenched in the dark oblivious wave. The very shadow of its ruins is no more upon the waters of Kedron, or the shattered grave-stones in the valley of Jehoshaphat. But the temple of Masonry still stands, an impressive monument high above those buried ruins, in the grandeur and symmetry of its entire structure. And why? *That* was a *material*, *this* is a *moral* temple. *That*, a structure of stone and cedar, bound together by joint and mortise; *this*, of mind and feeling cemented with those imperishable principles which wear the hue and badge of eternity. Long may this temple stand—a sanctuary for the exposed, a shelter for the troubled, with lintel and threshold inscribed, *Esto perpetua*."

VIRGINIA.—The Old Dominion maintains her elevated Masonic position. The Grand Master reports the whole number of chartered Lodges to be 175, and that he can state "with pride that with a single exception harmony reigns in all the Lodges within our jurisdiction."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, as appears from their report on uniformity of work, have met the uneasy ghost which is traveling and flitting through every State, and with calm earnestness discuss the popular humbug as follows:—

"Your Committee may be pardoned for not being of quite the same mind as to "uniformity of Work" with many of our brethren. To think that a time will ever arrive when any two Masters shall have no differences of "ands" and "ifs," "nots" and "buts," in their giving degrees, is simply Utopian. We, however, like the continued cry in the Grand Lodge of Virginia on the subject, as it shows how earnest the brethren are in endeavoring to attain a perfection, which we feel convinced will never be arrived at; and more particularly do we rejoice to hear it, as we believe it has contributed, more than any other cause, to the fact that Virginia Masons have obtained a character for being intelligent Craftsmen throughout the length and breadth of the United States."

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W. G. M., that the Grand Lodge should be permanently located, and recommend action by the Grand Lodge on this subject. *Second*, Your Committee are of the opinion that the second Monday of June, as provided by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for its Annual Communication, is not the most convenient season for the brethren to assemble; they therefore recommend that a later day be fixed. *Third*, They recommend more care in securing uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction. *Fourth*, Having fully considered the circular from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, they would suggest, in connection with the many known reasons which have hitherto thwarted all attempts to constitute a General Grand Lodge, that from our isolated position in the confederacy of States, it would be very difficult and very expensive to promptly and ably represent this Grand Lodge in a General Grand Lodge, if such were created.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. TRENCHARD, *Chairman*.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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may possibly be attributed to the fact that the place of our assembly is upon this remote border of our jurisdiction. Whatever may be the reason, it is to be regretted. If at all represented, they must be by proxies, who cannot be supposed to understand thoroughly the wishes, sentiments, and interests, in all cases, of their principals. Thus far in the history of this body, however, we have escaped the injurious consequences which have been experienced in some other jurisdictions by the accumulation of a voting strength in the hands of a few individuals.

The extent of our jurisdiction, stretching as it does from Jacksonville on the South to Steilacoom on the North, a distance of more than four hundred miles, traversable only in the summer season with any degree of comfort or convenience, rendered the duty of visiting all the Lodges during my term of office, which I proposed to myself when installed, to perform, quite impracticable. Most of the Lodges north of the Callapooia mountains I have visited, and have had opportunities, by occasional correspondence and conference with individual members of all, to ascertain their general condition, which, without a single exception, may be considered sound and vigorous. Those Lodges which I have had the pleasure of "assisting in their work," have evinced a desire to conform strictly to the instructions of their Grand Lecturer—but, notwithstanding the desirableness of uniformity, so far as it is practicably attainable, I am still, as I have ever been, decidedly of the opinion, that diversity in the exemplification of the same work by different craftsmen, is not the fault of any peculiar system, and that absolute uniformity of work is a boon much to be desired, earnestly to be struggled after, yet never to be attained. And I desire to take this occasion to repeat an injunction sanctioned by very high authority; in your zeal for the tithes of mint, anise and cummin, forget not the weightier matters of the law. Masonry is reared upon foundations laid deeper than mere uniformity to, or proficiency in its ritual observances. While these are meritorious, they cannot be substituted for the jewels and ornaments, the lights and supports of the moral Masonic edifice.

The correspondence of my office has been extensive during the year—but has been chiefly of a description not requiring a detailed report. I refer to the accompanying documents, for information upon the most important items of that correspondence, and leave to the Grand Lodge the determination of the question as to the propriety of its publication.

I have granted seven dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, in each case the petitioners having the recommendation of the nearest Lodge. All of them were made returnable to the present session of the Grand Lodge. If their returns be found correct and satisfactory, I recommend that perpetual charters be granted to each of them, as I have satisfied myself that they are judiciously located as centres of Masonic influence. The first issued was for the establishment of Western Star Lodge in Kirbyville, Josephine Co.; the second was for an additional Lodge in the town of Salem, to be called after one of my predecessors in office, Ainsworth Lodge; the third was for Bethel Lodge at Bethel, Polk Co.; the fourth for Grand Mound Lodge in Thurston Co., Washington Territory; the fifth for Washington Lodge at Vancouver in that Territory; the sixth for Phoenix Lodge in Jackson Co.; the seventh for Ranier Lodge in Columbia Co. For information beyond this meagre outline of names and localities, I refer to the accompanying documents marked from one to seven. To consecrate Laurel Lodge No. 13 at Roseburg and install its officers, I specially appointed Wor. Bro. Truax of Warren Lodge; and upon Wor. Bro. Fowler of the same Lodge, I conferred special authority to perform the same office for Winchester Lodge, No. 16. Warco Lodge, No. 15, was consecrated by Wor. Bro. Davidson of Harmony

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The Committee of Arrangements for the Installation of Grand Officers, submitted a report of their action, which was adopted.

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the case of Has F. Roberts, submitted a report which was adopted, and said Roberts was restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the action of Salem Lodge No. 4, in the case of J. C. Geer, reported that a Subordinate Lodge had no authority to restore an expelled or indefinitely suspended member; which report was adopted, and the application of said Geer was referred to the Grand Master elect, to be reported upon at the next Annual Communication.

The Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which was adopted, with the resolutions therein :

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE :

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred certain portions of the Address of the Grand Master, have considered the same and report :

As to the convention of delegates, proposed by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, that while the objects suggested are certainly most desirable, yet, for local reasons, this Grand Lodge, for the present, is not disposed to act in the matter.

In regard to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Illinois concerning Masons made in Army Lodges, the following resolution is recommended :

Resolved, That persons claiming to be Masons, made so in Army Lodges, will be recognized as such in this jurisdiction, only when they produce satisfactory evidence that they were residents of the State, from the Grand Lodge of which the Military Lodge in which they were made, derived its masonic authority.

The Committee can add nothing to what is stated in the address, and to what is universally admitted, as to the importance and necessity of uniformity of work, and they know of no better mode of attempting to secure this, than by the adoption of the following resolution, which is recommended as one of the standing resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, be authorized to decide what work shall be used, and to require the Lodges to work in conformity therewith.

The Committee cordially approve of the suggestions of the Grand Master in regard to the necessity of a relief fund, and for the purpose of creating the same, they report the following resolutions, in the hope that every Mason in Oregon will feel it a duty to aid in the accomplishment of a purpose, so worthy and so desirable.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend the holding of a Grand Lodge Masonic fair at Portland during the next annual communication, for the purpose of creating a Grand Lodge Relief fund, and that the members of all Lodges be invited to contribute articles for the same.

Resolved, That the Elective Grand Officers and the Masters and Wardens of Willamette Lodge No. 2, and Harmony Lodge No. 12, be a Committee of Arrangements, for the proposed Fair.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOLBROOK,
Chairman.

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TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

"Right Worshipful Brother, usage as well as positive enactments from time to time have rendered the duties of the office of Grand Secretary more onerous and varied than that of any other officer. Brought by his official position more immediately into communication with the whole body of the Fraternity, it is requisite that he should possess ability, skill and industry, to meet the various demands upon him. Placed in this jurisdiction, in a position where he holds constant intercourse with our Masonic brethren of every state and clime, upon him devolves, in a large degree, the good name and credit of the Masonic family of this State. The Fraternity should enable him to maintain it; he should strive that it be maintained. Courtesy and patience are to be elements in his manners and character. Vigilance and fidelity must also be necessary qualities.

"Our Constitutions, my brother, point out to you fully the duties of your office, and I will not recapitulate them. Your capability for their prompt and faithful execution has induced your brethren to confide this trust to you, and I feel assured that it is well placed.

"In investing you with your official Jewel, the pens, I am persuaded that they will make an enduring record not only to your praise, but to the welfare of a Craft so largely dependent upon your experience and integrity."

TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

"Reverend and Right Worshipful Brother, that Holy Book which is the chart and text book of your sacred calling, is also the great light of Masonry, and forever sheds its benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. Teach us from its life-giving precepts; intercede for us with that Divine Majesty which it so fully reveals and unfolds to us; and warn us by its lessons of infinite wisdom and truth, and you will have faithfully performed your sacred functions, and fulfilled your important trust.

"It is fitting that an emblem of the sacred volume should be the Jewel of your respective office, with which I now invest you."

TO THE GRAND LECTURER.

"Right Worshipful Brother, the care and preservation of our ancient ritual, and the perpetuation of the time-honored landmarks embraced in it, and which may not be written, devolves upon you. And as that ritual has enshrined within it, in symbol and allegory, certain great and essential moral truths, you should be as perfect in the symbolism as in the mere formula of language which teach us how our rites are to be administered. As Grand Lecturer also, you should be master of the ceremonial observances of the Fraternity, and give instructions in the manner of rendering them most striking and effective. You are the Preceptor of the Fraternity, and your deportment should be consistent with the nature

of your office-work. For upon your teachings depend not only the uniformity and perpetuity, but the character and impressiveness of our rites, and they should be imparted, both by oral communication and example. On no point are the Craft so punctilious and exacting as upon the beauty and accuracy of the work and lectures; hence many eyes will be upon you. A courteous manner, an unwearied patience, and a diligent application are requisites for your place, and no rash or innovating hand will be tolerated in your department of labor.

In installing you into office and presenting your Jewel, I am happy to be enabled to say that your established skill and learning, and your ability to undergo the Constitutional tests have proved you to be a Master Workman."

TO THE GRAND MARSHAL.

"Right Worshipful Brother, the duties of your office require energy, activity and quickness of perception. The good order of the Fraternity, in its General Assemblies and processions, depends upon your care, skill and assiduity. Possessing these qualifications, you have been appointed Grand Marshal, and I now with pleasure, install you into office, and invest you with your appropriate Jewel. It denotes command, as the organ of the Grand Master, to whom you will be near at hand to execute his orders."

TO THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

"Right Worshipful Brother, your duty is to carry and uphold the banner of the Grand Lodge on occasions of ceremony and public procession. The emblems upon it are as ancient as the march of the children of Israel from bondage, and the Ark is the symbol of hope and safety. Bear them well aloft, for the world, as well as the Craft, ever honors them. Receive the Jewel of your office, and let it remind you that you are never to part with that standard, when under your care, while you have life to defend it."

TO THE GRAND SWORD BEARER.

"Right Worshipful Brother, the sword which you bear is the time-honored symbol of Justice and Authority. It reminds the beholder of the dignity of the body whose emblem it is. It is also the guardian and protector of the Standard of the Grand Lodge. Be ever faithful to your trust. Let this Jewel of your office remind you of its nature."

TO THE GRAND STEWARDS.

"Right Worshipful Brothers, in olden times your province was to superintend and provide for the festivals of the Craft, and that duty still remains to you, although there is rarely occasion for its exercise. But we are taught that 'it is better to go to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting,' and hence on you has been appropriately imposed the

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already established in that city. 2d. It being a mining camp, liable to depopulate at any time new discoveries should be made, as in all mining towns. 3d. I had good authority for supposing that dissensions in Canyon City Lodge was the reason for the application, and not that there existed any real necessity for a new Lodge to advance the interests of masonry in that section.

Believing Lodges to be needed at the places above named, as there are many Masons in the vicinity of each, I granted them dispensations, and I sincerely trust that the good of the fraternity has been promoted by the issuance of the dispensations which have been granted, and on presentation of their work at this Grand Communication, they will all prove themselves worthy of Charters at your hands.

During the year I have granted five dispensations to advance candidates within the constitutional time, they being represented by the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges as cases of emergency.

During the year I have been called upon for opinions upon almost every question embraced in the laws and usages of masonry. I have tried to render written opinions upon all of them, and hope we have met the requirements of the brethren. A great many questions were submitted upon minor points, which I do not deem necessary to bring to your notice; but upon all questions of general and practical importance to the Craft I have rendered decisions, and I present them to you as per resolution of this Grand Lodge at its last session, and hope they will fully meet your views and receive your cordial approval.

In June last, immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge, I communicated with several brethren, requesting them to act as Grand Lecturers, authorized by resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last session, but was unable to obtain the consent of any until about the first of December. I then appointed Bro. Amos E. Rogers, of Umatilla Lodge No. 40, as Grand Lecturer of District No. 3; Bro. Alexander Gray, of Jefferson Lodge No. 33, as Grand Lecturer of District No. 2, and Bro. Alexander Martin, of Warren Lodge No. 10, as Grand Lecturer of District No. 1. Bros. Rogers and Gray met me at Eugene City on the 10th December, and we proceeded to organize a Board of Instruction and agree upon a uniform work to be adopted throughout this jurisdiction. After six days labor we were enabled to harmonize and agree upon a uniform work and lectures; and so far as I have been informed, wherever the Grand Lecturers have visited for the purpose of instruction, the work has been received and adopted, with but very few exceptions, and all have expressed themselves satisfied with this first year's experiment. The main object of this Grand Lodge in creating this Board of Grand Lecturers was uniformity of work, a consummation much desired by all the brethren I have met. By this means alone, our sister jurisdictions have attained that uniformity which harmonizes the labors of the Craft in their Lodges, and I feel assured that if this system is continued by us there will be realized the good effects for which it was adopted. I therefore, more fully to carry out the objects sought by the Grand Lodge, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That if after the Grand Lecturer has given timely notice to the Lodges in his District to meet him at such time and place as he shall appoint for the purpose of

instruction in the work and lectures, the officers of any Lodge shall neglect or refuse to learn and use such work so approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge, shall, on proper representation of the facts to the Grand Master, be liable to the arrest of its Charter (if in his discretion he shall think proper) until they shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge in the premises.

I am sorry to say that the reports I have from Canyon City Lodge No. 34 are very humiliating, and in my judgment demand decisive action by this body. It would seem that although some of the brethren of the Lodge are laboring anxiously and earnestly to preserve masonry unsullied and enforce wholesome masonic discipline, the demoralization is such that their efforts have proved almost fruitless, and there exists in that Lodge an utter absence of that good feeling and rectitude of conduct without which a Masonic Lodge is a misnomer.

I submit herewith all the information I have relative to the conduct of said Lodge, from which you will see that two abortive efforts have been made to enforce masonic discipline—one a case of habitual drunkenness, the other a case of habitual gambling. I think the charges preferred in each case were probably to some extent wanting in that definiteness and precision that should characterize such proceedings, but this could only be a mere technical objection, and I must say that the action of the Lodge in the premises as reported to me, totally ignore the principles and teachings of masonry; and while I deplore with all good masons the sad necessity, and cordially sympathize with all who jealously endeavored to preserve the Lodge in its purity, I cannot do otherwise than recommend the Grand Lodge to recall its Charter. For there can be no question in the mind of any intelligent mason in Oregon that habitual drunkenness and gambling are offenses which not only warrant but *demand* the judicious exercise of masonic discipline.

I am also sorry to say, brethren, that profanity has been and is now indulged in by many members of the masonic institution to such an extent that my attention has been called to it during the past year by persons in and out of the order. And I regret to say there are a few who even reject the teachings of that "Great Light" which should be the guide of every mason's faith and practice. This evil, so prevalent at the present time, should receive the consideration of this and all other Grand Lodges of masons, if they would exert that moral power and influence which the intelligent, the good, the true in society should wield over others, and which masons should seek after above all things else. A mason who believes it right for him to curse and swear and utter the name of God in any other manner than with that awe and reverence due from the creature to his Creator, ignores the moral law and is false to his professions and his duty, and is of greater injury to masonry than all the anti-masons in the world, with all their slanderous vituperations.

The moral teachings of that "Book of the Law," which we teach is given to us by God himself, is obligatory upon every individual mason who kneels at our altars, and we say its claims should be enforced. That law is the supreme law of masonry, and no mason can reject or neglect its teachings without rendering himself amenable to discipline. It should never be forgotten that moral worth and moral influence con-

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The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, relating to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, submitted the following report—

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OREGON, IN SESSION—

Your Committee to whom was referred, so much of the Grand Master's address, as relates to District Deputy Grand Masters, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and an order to establish a uniformity of Masonic work throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, would report the following resolutions, and respectfully recommend their passage—

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be divided into three districts, as follows, to-wit—

All that territory South of the Calapooia Mountains, to be denominated District No. 1. All that territory North of the Calapooia and West of the Cascade Mountains, District No. 2. And all that territory East of the Cascade Mountains, District No. 3.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Master elect, to appoint a competent brother to reside in each of the above Districts, to be styled and known as District Grand Lecturer, the offices of which are hereby created. And the officers so appointed, shall hold their offices for the term of one, two, and three years respectively.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Master elect, each year hereafter to appoint a successor to that officer whose term of office expires in such year, who shall hold his office for three years.

Resolved, That said District Grand Lecturers, together with the Grand Master, shall comprise a Board of Instruction, and shall meet at least once in each year at such time and place as the Grand Master shall name, for the purpose of agreeing upon the Masonic work, to be used in each and every Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That after the said Board shall have met as provided above, and agreed upon a uniformity of work, each District Grand Lecturer shall appoint some time and place at which he will meet the W. Master and Wardens of the Lodges within his District, and notify them of the same.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the W. Master, or at least one of the Wardens of each Lodge, to attend at the time and place appointed by the District Grand Lecturer, and when assembled the District Grand Lecturer shall instruct them in the work agreed upon by the Board of Instruction, and the W. Masters of this jurisdiction, shall enforce the same in their respective Lodges.

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of the Board and of the members thereof in traveling to and from the place of meeting, and while in attendance thereon, shall be paid by warrant of the Grand Secretary, to be issued upon the certificate of the Grand Master. And the expenses of the District Grand Lecturers while performing duty in their respective Districts, shall be paid by the Lodges thereof, *pro rata* for contributing members.

D. G. CLARK,

J. B. UNDERWOOD,

JACOB CONSER,

Committee.

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It must be a great blessing to have such a facetious turn of mind.

M. W. J. Harris was re-elected G. M. and W. S. Rose, Grand Secretary.

The preceding pages are a hasty review of the doings of most of the North American Grand Lodges. We have felt the want of time and ability to do the subject justice. Though inconvenient, the task has been a pleasant one, and we have been richly repaid for the time devoted to it.

We note the steady growth and general prosperity of the order. All the Grand bodies are in fraternal communication, "and the only contention that is known to exist, is that laudable emulation of who can best work and best agree."

During the late war, the glorious countenance of Masonry has shone upon the battle-field, in the hospital and prison. Incidents the most affecting, of holy sympathy and fraternal assistance, appear on this dark page of our Country's history in letters of living light. There is a truth in Masonry, brethren, and she has asserted it by her acts—giving meat to the hungry, drink to the thirsty; the naked she has clothed, and those who were sick and in prison she has visited and ministered to. Not among friends has this been done, but among those who by force of circumstances were estranged, and were arrayed in deadly conflict—regardless of this when the cry of distress was heard, relief was given even at the peril of life.

On the subject of uniformity of work and the means of attaining it, there is a variety of opinion. The system of D. D. G. Mastership obtains in many of the largest and most populous states and it has generally been attended with satisfactory results.

The plan of Grand Lodge representation is growing in favor, promising a connecting link between the several Grand bodies. In some, marked attention is shown representatives from foreign jurisdictions—and places of honor are assigned them with propriety, investing the office with that dignity that is justly its due.

In Masonic jurisprudence we have found the rulings and opinions to concur very generally with the decisions that have been rendered from time to time in this jurisdiction.

JOHN McCRAKEN.
Chairman.

Which report was accepted, and by the following resolution, was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this communication:

Resolved, That, the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to Bro. McCracken for his able report on Foreign Correspondence, and that the report be published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

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Which report was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

The Committee on Disfigured Charters presented the following report:

TO THE M. · W. · GRAND LODGE OF OREGON:

Your Committee on Disfigured Charters beg leave to make the following supplemental report:

The Charter of Temple Lodge, No. 7, is engrossed on paper which is pasted on fine cloth, thereby making the same strong and durable. And as the officers of said Lodge desire to retain their charter in its present condition, we recommend that they be allowed to do so and that no change of said charter be made.

Faternally submitted,

H. L. HOYT,
J. S. VAUGHN,
O. S. SAVAGE,
Committee.

Which report was adopted, and the recommendation concurred in.

Bro. · J. S. M. Van Cleave presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That W. · Bros. P. G. M. J. McCracken, W. D. Hare, J. H. Slater, and James R. Bayley, be, and they are hereby constituted a committee to procure subscriptions, either in books or otherwise, for the establishment of a Grand Lodge Library, for the use of this M. · W. · Grand Lodge, and said committee are hereby instructed to invest the funds so raised in the purchase of works on Masonic Jurisprudence, and such other Masonic works as they may deem necessary for such purpose.

Bro. · J. W. Swank, W. · M. · Brownsville Lodge, No. 36, presented the following memorial:

TO THE M. · W. · GRAND LODGE OF OREGON:

We, the members of Brownsville Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., seeing that there is quite a diversity of work among the different Lodges in Oregon, and in our visitations to other Lodges sometimes we are called upon to take part and assist in the work, and at such times we feel much embarrassed on account of not

knowing how the Lodge works that we visit, and realizing the necessity of a greater uniformity of work; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we most respectfully ask the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon, to take such measures as they in their wisdom may think best calculated to bring about and secure as near a general uniformity of work as possible, throughout this entire jurisdiction.

Which was laid on the table.

Bro. Patton presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby required to procure for the use, and at the expense of the Subordinate Lodges, the binding of three copies of the proceedings of each Annual Communication hereafter, which shall be for the use of the officers and members, and shall be retained at all times within the Lodge.

Which report was adopted.

A memorial from Washington Lodge, No. 46, was read and referred to Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Secretary read the following communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada, which was referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, official information has *this day* been received that, at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

"Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Canada still refuses recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and is asserting jurisdiction over Lodges located in the Province of Quebec; and

"Whereas, Such assertion of jurisdiction violates the well-settled principles of Masonic Law, applicable to such cases; therefore,

"Resolved, That the Grand Master is hereby instructed (unless the Grand Lodge at its next session withdraws from and ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any Lodge or Mason in the Province of Quebec) to issue circulars to the dif-

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GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

The question of reduction of Grand Lodge dues will unquestionably be submitted for your consideration and action.

Some of the Lodges have already agitated the matter, and expressed a desire to be released from a portion of the burden at least.

It cannot be questioned but what the amount now required for each contributing member would in time, deplete the most plethoric treasury in the jurisdiction but if the spirit of the law had been properly observed, the action of the Grand Lodge last year, requiring one dollar from each member for educational purposes would not have affected any Subordinate Lodge. It no doubt was the intent and design of the mover of the resolution to regard this sum from each individual Brother in addition to his dues, and not to be paid from the Lodge Fund. If the Subordinates fail to collect, they are required to pay from the general Lodge Fund. I regret very much to hear any complaint in regard to the tax for educational purposes, and while there may be a question as to our right to levy such a tax, it is to be hoped that if any reduction is attempted, it will be in some other direction.

It seems to me to be bad policy to tax our Subordinates beyond their ability to pay, or at least give any cause for complaint, especially when the report of the Grand Treasurer shows some seven thousand dollars invested in lands and loans. Our experience for the past fifteen years clearly demonstrates that we are not successful as bankers and real estate dealers. The business is not suited to our taste or capacity and I would therefore recommend its abandonment, and the assets converted into cash to apply on our current expenses. I hope this question will be maturely considered and such measures adopted as will meet the approval of the craft at large.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

During the past year my opportunities for inspecting the work in the several Subordinate Lodges, have been abundant, and I feel justified in saying that there is an urgent necessity for adopting a uniform standard of work, with such regulations as will insure conformity thereto.

It may be claimed and urged by some that we have this already. If such is the case, I have failed to discover any evidence of it either in the records of the Grand Lodge or in the work of the Subordinates. It is true that several efforts have been made in years gone by to secure uniformity, but all regulations heretofore enacted have failed to secure the desired object, either from a neglect to enforce the law, or an unwillingness on the part of the Lodges to learn it.

The recommendations of Past Grand Master, Ferguson, in his address in 1867, were embodied in report of special committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge (see page 89 G. L. Proceedings 1867.) Past Grand Master, Smith, his immediate successor attempted to carry out the expressed will of the Grand Lodge, and appointed three Grand lecturers and assigned them their respective districts.

But two of these Grand Lecturers ever met the Grand Master, consequently one portion of this jurisdiction never had the work agreed upon. Five years have passed since this action was had, and no effort has been made to carry out the provisions of the regulation.

It is claimed by some that the action of 1867 has been repealed, but I am unable to find any record evidence of the fact. My immediate predecessors not having made any appointments under the law, I felt a delicacy in doing so without the express sanction of the Grand Lodge.

I am clearly of the opinion that the work should be exemplified in open Grand Lodge and if acceptable, adopted by a formal vote. It then becomes the work of the jurisdiction, and not the work of any particular Grand Master, or Board of Instruction.

Our custom has been to rotate at least every two years, and frequently oftener, and if the Grand Master is allowed to declare as to what shall be the work during his official term without any restrictions so as to conform to that promulgated by his immediate predecessors, we must of necessity have as many changes in the work as we have Grand Masters. Every jurisdiction that has attained any eminence, and whose subordinates work in perfect harmony, have adopted and rigidly adhered to a uniform work. Take the Grand Lodge of Iowa for instance—a jurisdiction which for thoroughness in the work, general intelligence and zeal, is second to none. How did they gain the position they now occupy before the Masonic world? Was it by mere chance, or by earnest, persevering labor? To the untiring efforts of Parvin, Humphreys, Cotton, Sanford, Hartsock, Benton, Guillert and others, they can attribute, in a great measure, their present prosperity. The same disadvantages under which we have labored, affected them. The early Pioneers of Masonry, there, as with us, were from different jurisdictions, and were loth to make any correction; but by a firm adherence to a uniform work, and frequent exemplification of the same before the Grand Lodge, every Subordinate within the jurisdiction conforms literally to every requirement. I could cite you to other jurisdictions noted for their correctness, and the character of the work which they execute, but this must suffice.

Taking courage at the success which has attended other jurisdictions, I would earnestly recommend that the work in the three degrees be exemplified by some

one, or more, skilled workmen during the present session, with a view of adopting a uniform standard for our future labors.

It is to be hoped and expected that should the recommendation meet your approval, and the work be exemplified, it will be thoroughly discussed and fully considered in a spirit that will result in good rather than evil. Let our criticisms be without sarcasm or ridicule; no good can possibly come from this mode of argument, but on the contrary, great harm. I trust that these admonitions will be duly heeded.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN W. GEARY.

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of Bro. John W. Geary, Grand Representative of this jurisdiction, to that of Pennsylvania. His life was one of activity and usefulness. His history in connection with the early history of California, is doubtless familiar to all; and perhaps many are here today who knew him at that time, and can testify to his many sterling qualities. His acts towards alleviating the sufferings of the early pioneers, at the city of Panama, in 1849, are remembered with gratitude by many. It was there that he organized a Masonic Society, which has since done great good, and continues to exist. Upon his arrival in California, he assisted in the organization of California Lodge, No. 1, and was their first Junior Warden. He was a man of remarkable energy, fine sensibilities, irreproachable character, and unquestioned integrity. He leaves an untarnished record behind, which for faithfulness to his country, and all that pertains to good works, is worthy of emulation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

In pursuance of a standing regulation of the Grand Lodge, I have appointed during the year, the following named Brethren as Representatives of the Grand Lodge, near the several Grand Lodges named—their commissions duly authenticated by the Grand Secretary, have been forwarded: Pennsylvania, James Page vice John W. Geary, deceased; British Columbia, H. F. Heisterman.

MASONIC PERIODICALS.

The general prosperity which has attended the craft during the past few years, throughout the several State jurisdictions, is attributable in a great measure to the influence wielded by Masonic publications. As a means of disseminating light and information to the craft, they cannot be overestimated; and I would be direct in my duty did I not urge upon you, Masters and Wardens, here assembled, and through you to the Brethren of your respective Lodges, the importance of extending to them your cordial and liberal support. Those of us who have groped our way from the Masonic pavement, through the middle chamber of the

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Question No. 9. How and in what manner can a waiver of jurisdiction be granted by the rejecting Lodge to another Lodge to receive the petition of a rejected applicant for the degrees? Second. Does a Lodge continue to hold jurisdiction over a rejected candidate after one or more years have elapsed since his rejection?

Answer. Whenever one Lodge shall request another to waive jurisdiction over a rejected candidate, said request shall lay over one communication and then the ballot be spread, and, if clear, the waiver be granted. Second. On page 42, Proceedings of 1876, you will find a resolution which reads: "That no Lodge shall receive the petition of a candidate for degrees who has been previously rejected by another Lodge, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of such Lodge." The tenor of this clearly indicates perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material until it removes out of the Grand Jurisdiction.

LODGE WORK.

Looking as I do upon what is technically known by Masons as "work," as the primer or horn-book of a Mason's education, I nevertheless fully recognize it as resting upon the Landmarks and usages of our ancient brethren that have come to us and constitute the foundation and the body of Freemasonry. But he who would be a Master *indeed* and finish his education as a Mason, must catch the spirit or soul and understand the principles, the history and philosophy of Freemasonry to which our work in its symbolic sense has brought him. And hence the great and all-important value of the Ritual, by which and through which the candidate is brought to the intellectual and moral light of Masonry.

The aim and effort of our Grand Lodge, as it is of others, is to have uniformity of work in the essentials of the Ritual. There is one way of working in which we can and should have uniformity, and that is the performance of the Ritual in a creditable manner by the officers of the Lodge. We do not here refer to any changes in the lectures, but to their recital in an intelligent manner, not jumbling sounds and syllables, and words all in the same tone of voice, but investing the work and the sentences with meaning. We are sometimes told by inattentive and indolent officers, who are not well posted in the Ritual, and who meander or hurry through their parts as best they may, that there is no harm done if the work approximates the standard; that it is wholly unnecessary to be exact in the matter; that if some small things are omitted it will make no difference, it is only a form which may be changed without detriment, and little parts may be left out without damage. Such persons are out of their proper place when seated in the stations of a Masonic Lodge.

They forget that the whole of the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of Masonry, and even its Ritual, is made up of small parts and points which harmonize so completely as to form a perfect system, and which is only spoiled by the separations and omissions of its members.

On this subject, Bro. George Frank Gouley—I speak his name with sadness for, alas! he is no more on earth—the eloquent, witty, Masonic journalist, author and authority, whose purposes were honest and true, and whose death at the burning of the Southern Hotel at St. Louis, will cause regret and sadness throughout the nation where Masonry is in existence; he, a bright light of our Fraternity, is extinguished, and a sincere, vigorous writer is no more, and I recommend, as proper, that this Grand Lodge express, in some manner, the sense of loss sustained by the reading Masons of this Jurisdiction, in his death. His article, pertinent to the subject matter, is the tendency and result of such work, and the extracts are as follows:

“The degrees themselves are simple and plain enough, even when done with all the machinery necessary to make them impressive and beautiful. But when we come to see them done by workmen who do not know or feel what they are talking about, cutting the work short as possible, and doing what is done in a miserably slipshod style, when even the most ordinary machinery of the Lodge is dispensed with and the work is done by officers who do not know whether Hiram fell from a derrick and was killed, or whether he died of Bright’s disease, and then, too, upon a candidate who thinks the whole performance such a good joke that he must ‘tell’ all his friends ‘a la’ sons of Malta, is it any wonder that such Masons, so-called, never think of looking beneath the surface of our truly beautiful symbolism for those grand principles of thought which underlie the foundations of intelligent and refined society, governed by the lessons of a pure and exalted education? We have not too many Masons in the true definition of that term; but we have too many members of so-called Masonic Lodges, and are daily making too many of them, and it would do the Craft at large a world of good, if there was a general weeding out of Lodges, which not only scarcely know the work, but are absolutely ignorant of the divine philosophy, of the principles of truth, justice, charity, intelligence and immortality taught in our degrees.”

Thus does Bro. Gouley present this subject for your sincere consideration. Masters and Wardens, I call your attention to these things, for on you rests the responsibility. One of the greatest wants of this Jurisdiction we have, during our service ascertained, is a digest of our constitution, edicts, and laws, as found scattered throughout our proceedings. Had we such a work, prop-

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UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

The Special Committee on uniformity of work presented the following report, which was concurred in:

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OREGON :

We your Committee on Resolutions to devise some system to have uniformity of work in this jurisdiction, respectfully recommend that no action be taken at present Communication. For while we recognize the necessity of some action, yet owing to the scattered and far apart location of the various Lodges under this jurisdiction, we deem it inexpedient, at the present time, to have a Grand Lecturer, which is the only known way to establish such uniformity of work.

Faternally submitted,

J. H. KUNZIE,

A. H. SPARE,

J. N. DOLPH,

Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE GRAND LODGE OF CHILI.

Bro. R. P. Earhart presented his credentials as Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Chili, near the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and was received and recognized with appropriate honor.

Bro. R. P. Earhart presented communications from R. .

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Which your committee deems insufficient under Sec. 9 of Art. X, of the Constitution of Oregon. Your committee are of the opinion that a Brother stricken from the roll as in said answer stated, is deprived of all Lodge privileges including the right of visitation within this jurisdiction. As a right, and out of respect to the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Lodge thus striking the Brother from the roll for non-payment of dues, the Section of the Constitution aforesaid deprives the Brother of all Lodge privileges within this Grand Lodge jurisdiction. In other respects the decision is deemed sound.

Your committee fully concur in the views of the M. W. Grand Master expressed under the head of "Amendment of a Decision."

Respectfully submitted.

S. F. CHADWICK.
D. G. CLARK,
J. C. AINSWORTH.
B. JENNINGS.
A. VAN DUSEN.
Committee.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

Bro. A. H. Spare presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge during this session adopt some measure looking to the uniformity of work in this jurisdiction.

On motion, it was ordered that Bro. Spare's resolution be referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report during this session.

Whereupon the Grand Master appointed

Bros. A. H. Spare,
J. H. Kunzie, and
J. N. Dolph,

as such committee.

COMMITTEE OF 12.

The Special Committee on affairs of Grand Treasurer, presented their report, which was on motion, referred to Committee on Grievance.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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money, I would recommend that the real estate be sold, and all outstanding notes called in. The money thus realized to be invested in United States Bonds or some other safe investment.

I have visited the real estate owned by this Grand Body in Linn county, five miles from Harrisburg, and find it to be a desirable piece of land, consisting of 102 acres, of which eighty are under cultivation, and from reliable information obtained while there, believe it can be sold for \$20 per acre.

The land owned by this Grand Body in Polk county, is also a desirable piece of land, and would bring a good, fair price.

THREE BALLOT.

During the past year I have observed that a great deal of unpleasant feeling has arisen amongst the Brethren, by having to object to the advancement of a candidate whom they believe unqualified to receive the degrees. I therefore believe that a return to the three ballot system would materially add to the harmony and good feeling among the Brethren.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

Do not be alarmed at these words, for I have no intention of reading the funeral service over you at present, and I sincerely trust that it will be some time yet before any of us will require it to be read over us. I have, however, noticed that there is a great lack of uniformity of this service; I have therefore prepared one, which is herewith submitted for your approval. Should you adopt it I would recommend that it be printed with our proceedings.

PUBLIC MASONIC CEREMONIES.

I cannot express in any better language or words, my views in regard to public Masonic ceremonies, than quote to you from the address of Bro. S. D. Nickerson, Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1873, to the Grand Body of that State.

Fully concurring in his ideas, and believing it for the interest of Masonry, I would recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt such regulations as would require a full compliance with the opinions expressed therein:

I have endeavored to check as far as lay in my power the too prevailing inclination for public Masonic ceremonies and displays, and for publishing to the world reports of Masonic elections and proceedings. I fear that in too many instances such parades and publications are prompted principally by a desire on the part of the Brethren who are made conspicuous, to glorify themselves before the public, and thus contribute to their own social, political or pecuniary advancement. I believe it to be for the interest of the Institution to avoid publicity as far as possible. Its rapid growth and great popularity since the revival have led to the formation of an innumerable host of secret societies, many of which have copied our regalia, our form of government, our titles, and even mimicked our ritual and ceremonies. The latest of these organizations, formed ostensibly for the protection of farmers against railroad imposition, has gone so far as to adopt

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tially perfect, may be made a Mason.

This decision was disapproved by the Grand Lodge.

A Lodge, by a vote, cannot stay the advancement of a candidate beyond the regular time. The W. L. M. L. may refuse to proceed in a proper case.

A trial is not necessary to authorize a suspension for non-payment of dues.

A communication from a Lodge, where both the name of the Secretary and the seal of the Lodge are printed, is irregular, and should not be received.

A brother should not be required to give his reasons for a dimit, as a condition precedent to granting it.

An elective officer of a Lodge can be suspended from his office by the Grand Master only.

A rejected candidate becomes the masonic property of the rejecting Lodge without regard to his residence.

The way they do it in New Jersey:

WORK AND RITUAL.

The good effect of the exemplification of the Standard Work of this jurisdiction at our last communication is very apparent, both from my own observation and the reports, herewith submitted, of the officers charged with the duty of imparting it. So long as any uncertainty existed; so long as the accuracy of the work, as rendered, was conscientiously questioned by intelligent brethren, the officers could not feel a proper confidence in its promulgation, and the brethren did not display the zeal they should in acquiring it. This has all been changed. Never, I venture to say, in the history of this Grand Lodge, has there been so general a desire to acquire the work as has been displayed during the past year; the brethren have been eager for it, and the officers have felt confidence in imparting it. We have learned, too, that this work can be successfully transmitted from mouth to mouth; for those best qualified to judge are unable to point out any radical departure from the old standard. A knowledge of this fact must greatly stimulate the brethren in their efforts to attain to perfection. In accordance with the resolution adopted two years ago, the Standard Work will be exemplified this evening, not for the purpose of criticism, but for *instruction solely*. Uniformity can never be reached if, at each annual communication, changes are permitted in the Ritual. A year ago, by reason of a general feeling that wide departures had been made from ancient standards, criticism was invited, and a few alterations, or rather restoration, were made. The Standard Work was then adopted, and the question has passed beyond discussion, until a recurrence of the feeling that then existed shall render a repetition of last year's experience proper.

The Legislature of the State at its last session passed an enabling act, by which it was put in the power of all Masonic Lodges, incorporated by the State, to surrender their charters. As Lodges in this State are forbidden

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other causes, Your Committee have not found it practicable to provide vocal music for the installation. Fraternally Submitted,

J. N. DOLPH,
DONALD MACKAY.

The Special Committee on Uniformity of Work submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion, adopted :

TO THE M.:W.:GRAND LODGE IN SESSION :

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Charles Hughes, on the subject of uniformity of work, and the substitute offered by Bro. R. W. Hill, beg leave to report :

Your Committee, having fully considered the subject matter embraced in said resolution would respectfully state that the Grand Lodge has already provided for a system of uniform work for the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction. That in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1857, we find that inspectors were called together at Dallas, Polk county, consisting of Bros. M.:W.:A. M. Belt, Grand Master; R.:W.:J. R. Bayley; Bro. Harvey Gordon, and Bro. T. McF. Patton, who, under the direction of this Grand Lodge, adopted a system of Masonic work for the three degrees in Masoury. From the report of the Committee we quote as follows :

" We proceeded to compare work under the supervision of the M.:W.: Grand Master. There appearing quite a difference in work and opinion, we were about to fail in coming to any definite conclusion, when learning that the R.:W.:Grand Senior Warden of California (Bro. Lyon,) was in the neighborhood, we sent for him to come and attend our deliberations. He responded to our call; and, after hearing him go through the several lectures, there being so little difference between his method of working and ours the M.:W.:Grand Master and Inspectors agreed to adopt it, with a few exceptions. * * * We remained there three days and then adjourned to our several jurisdictions, to teach the work as adopted."

Your Committee would recommend that no change be made in the work adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1856-7: but that proper and immediate means be used to teach said work throughout this Jurisdiction. As to the method of teaching, Your Committee expresses no opinion.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. F. CHADWICK,
A. M. BELT,
J. R. BAYLEY.

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That so much as refers to official decisions, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to dispensations issued for the establishment of new lodges, to the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.

That so much as refers to the application of brethren at Joseph and Alder, in Union county, for dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Grievance.

That so much as refers to the jurisdiction of rejected applicants, and especially the action of Irving Lodge No. 154, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in conferring the degrees upon rejected material of this jurisdiction, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to our foreign relations and new grand lodges, to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as refers to Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 74 be referred to Committee on Dispensations.

That so much as refers to a plan for establishing uniformity of work, to special committee of five.

That so much as refers to "Masonic History," to a special committee of same number.

That so much as refers to the educational fund and the management of the temple stock, be referred to a special committee of five past grand masters.

That so much as refers to the grand lodge library, to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to the reprint of grand lodge proceedings to the Committee on Finance.

Your committee would most heartily endorse the recommendations of our M.:W.:Grand Master submitted in connection with the printing of the digest, viz.:

That suitable provision be made for the printing and sale of the digest, and that there be printed with it the following:

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Brother Pillans agrees with Brother Dolph on the subject of uniformity of work. "Uniformity of work" are words that have a limited meaning almost, where the work is unwritten. It should be the aim of lodges to get as near together as possible on this point, and, above all things, to preserve the features of the lectures, though the words may be a little different when expressing the same idea.

Our views are copied in full on non-payment of dues and approved of.

We regret that these proceedings are late. We have just time to get this review into line, we think, and thus hasten our labor upon it. We are required to print, this year, before the grand lodge meets.

M.:W.:John Hollis Bankhead, Grand Master, Wetumpka.

R.:W.:Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, Montgomery.

ARIZONA.

The annual communication of this grand lodge was held in the city of Tucson, November 13th, A. L. 5883, M.:W.:John Tabor Alsap, Grand Master, presiding.

The past year has been one of prosperity in this jurisdiction. Mines have poured forth their wealth, flocks and herds have increased and the earth has returned an abundant supply of food. The grand master also adds that no discord or contention among the brethren or between lodges has come to his knowledge. Masters have managed their lodges well. The financial affairs of this grand lodge have been well attended to—it is out of debt and there is money in the treasury.

A unanimous petition was presented, asking to permit the lodge to re-ballot for a candidate, and it was granted. The grand master has doubts about the right or propriety of this step. It is not the thing to do. Under one of these petitions the candidate, when balloted for, was rejected.

If a brother has rejected a candidate upon grounds which he afterwards finds to be wrong, and desires to do what is right, he

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finances is much more satisfactory than it has been for years past, and probably another year will thoroughly test the present system and its ability to meet our requirements.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

The subject of "uniformity of the work" has been before this grand lodge for a number of years past, and has been an unfailing subject for speeches, committees and reports. Many solutions have been proposed and *tried* for this much vexed question, and still it is one open for consideration. The matter is of generally recognized importance, and has assumed such magnitude that it *must* be disposed of. Under resolution of the grand lodge (see p. 79, Rep. 1883), a special committee of seven was appointed, whose duty was to meet at call of the grand master and prepare themselves to exemplify the work in the three degrees of Masonry at this annual communication.

On October 9, 1883, I addressed a letter to Past Grand Master J. R. Bayley, chairman of that committee, calling upon him to assemble the committee at the earliest convenient time, and at such place as they might agree upon, to commence their labors—suggesting also, that the committee adjourn from time to time, to suit their convenience, and particularly urging that they agree upon and submit a full and complete report, as contemplated by the resolution. I am informed that the committee met and I presume have prepared an acceptable report.

MASONIC HOME.

At our last annual communication, under resolutions adopted (see p. 68, Rep. 1883), a committee was appointed to prepare and report a plan for establishing a home for indigent Masons, and the widows and orphans of indigent Masons.

Believing that such an institution will be a "speaking" and lasting monument to *Freemasonry*, and that the craft are able and willing to provide such a home, I addressed a letter to M. W. Brother R. P. Earhart, Chairman, on January 22d, asking him to assemble the committee at an early day, and urging that a plan of operation be prepared and matured by the committee to be submitted at this communication. I presume the committee has prepared a report upon the subject which will meet your ap-

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resided within its jurisdiction, must do so unreservedly, and can not claim the fees for the degrees.

Thirteenth. A member of a lodge has the right to object to the advancement of a candidate at any time, and can not be required to give his reasons for so doing.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

I very much regret the action of our Grand Lodge, at its last annual session, upon this, as I consider, most important matter. I never could understand why it is that so many of the members of this Grand Lodge are disposed to treat this subject with so much indifference. Other jurisdictions, larger and much older than ours, do not deem it a matter of so little importance, as they neither spare time nor expense in diffusing "the work" promulgated by their grand lodges among the subordinates in their respective jurisdictions.

Let us, my brethren, have some system of legislation on this vital question, that will be practical and answer the purposes for which it is intended, and let us no longer appoint committees, who spend their time and money in endeavoring to carry out your instructions and then, when they present their report, are almost made sport of, and made to feel humiliated and chagrined on account of the treatment they receive at the hands of those from whom they ought reasonably to expect the kindest and most courteous consideration. This, my brethren, is not as it should be.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

At our last session a committee of five members, consisting of the grand master, the special trustee of this fund, and three other brethren, was appointed to devise some means by which the proceeds arising from the irreducible educational fund of this Grand Lodge might be applied to the education of the children of such Masons as need assistance. In view of the fact that the brethren composing this committee were scattered in different portions of the state, and the great expense that would accrue to the Grand Lodge were a meeting had, I have not deemed it advisable to call them together.

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Report of Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was read, and upon motion, adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon :

We, your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from Brother J. Frankl, of Lakeview Lodge No. 71, would recommend that it be referred to the M. W. Grand Master elect.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS G. REAMES,
J. R. BAYLEY,
ROBERT CLOW,
D. P. MASON,
W. T. WRIGHT,

Committee.

Report of Special Committee.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to uniform work, submitted the following report, which was read, and upon motion, adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon :

We, your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to "uniformity of work," beg leave to make the following report :

That in the opinion of your committee, the instructions of this grand body, adopted at our last annual communication, relating to uniformity of work, have been carried out so far as relates to the opening and closing ceremonies of the lodge, and would therefore recommend that the same be approved and the committee instructed to continue their labor as provided for in existing legislation referring to this subject.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID P. MASON,
J. R. BAYLEY,
THOMAS G. REAMES,

Committee.

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Attention is paid to the uniformity of work. The grand officers were required to meet together and to lecture and work together until they should be able to confer the three degrees uniformly, and then they should divide the state into districts composed of twenty contingent lodges, and they shall be under the charge of one of the grand officers for lecture.

It was resolved that under no circumstances shall the representative of a lodge be paid more for per diem and mileage than his lodge has paid into the Grand Lodge treasury.

The Grand Lodges of South Australia and Peru were recognized.

Brother Past Grand Master Fitch, whose report on his favorite institution, the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, was received and adopted by a rising vote, desired to present to the Grand Lodge some Mason who was a former beneficiary of this institution. This desire was gratified in the person of Brother George W. Prout, who hailed from the jurisdiction of Texas. This young brother was a former beneficiary of this Home, the pride of Brother Fitch and the craft. Brother Prout was presented to the Grand Lodge by Brother Fitch in a very neat address, which received a very happy response from Brother Prout, who had entered this temple years ago as a hapless boy, as a beneficiary, but is now welcomed in the same place as a brother.

The proceedings before us speak of a report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings; but these proceedings contain no report on Correspondence, and they have not even a cover to them.

Bernard Gratz Witt, M.:W.:Grand Master, Henderson.

Hiram Bassett, R.:W.:Grand Secretary, Millersburg.

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Resolutions.

Brother Past Grand Master R. P. Earhart presented the following resolution, which was read, and upon motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to Captain J. A. Brown, of Portland, for the use of the steam launch Mikado, generously given by him to this Grand Lodge Committee appointed to visit the home of Brother Jennings.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution, under seal of the Grand Lodge, be forwarded to Captain J. A. Brown.

Brother James R. Bayley presented the following resolution, which was read, and upon motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw a warrant to cover the expenses of the committee appointed to visit Past Grand Master Ferguson, at Astoria.

Report of Special Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of uniformity of work, submitted the following report, which was read, and upon motion, adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon:

The undersigned, your committee, would fraternally report that they have had the subject of uniformity of work under careful consideration, and to the end that a uniform work may obtain throughout the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, would fraternally recommend,

1. That the M.·W.·Grand Master shall appoint a special committee of five, who shall be known as the Committee on Work, whose duty it shall be to discover, determine and declare the work of the several degrees, which work, when determined by them and approved by the Grand Master, shall then be by the Grand Master adopted and become the work of this Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

2. The Committee on Work shall be appointed for, and continue in the service of this Grand Lodge, the period of three years.

2. Upon the recommendation of a majority of the Committee on Work, the Grand Master shall appoint and commission one of their number as the Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to teach and exemplify the adopted work throughout this Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

4. In the performance of his duties the Grand Lecturer shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Master.

5. Your committee would, however, in this matter, recommend that the masters of lodges be called together for instruction in such groups as may be most convenient and least expensive.

6. The compensation of the Grand Lecturer shall be five hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly from the treasury of this Grand Lodge: *Provided, however,* that all actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duty, shall be paid by the lodges receiving instruction.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. McD. STROUD,

J. A. RICHARDSON,

DONALD MACKAY,

R. P. EARHART,

Committee.

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for a new lodge, and is still a member of, and liable for dues to, Ashland Lodge, and will so remain until his membership is severed therefrom according to masonic usage.

Question. Can a brother become a charter member of a new lodge before he has paid his dues in full to the old lodge?

Answer. No.

Question. If they are charter members of Paisley Lodge, is not Ashland Lodge entitled to a return from the Grand Lodge of the amount of dues paid on those brethren for 1886 and 1887.

Answer. Would be if they are charter members entitled to return for 1887, but not for 1886. As it is, Ashland Lodge is entitled to return of Grand Lodge dues paid on Brother Whiting for 1887 only.

Question. How shall Ashland Lodge proceed to collect from Brothers Whiting and Wilshire the amount of dues they were owing said lodge at the date of the institution of Paisley Lodge?

Answer. The same as from any other member of your lodge in arrears.

Question. Are the brothers named of Paisley Lodge holden to us for said amounts?

Answer. The brethren.

Question. There is a grievance existing between two brothers; the lodge resolves itself into a committee of the whole, calls a special communication, and summons both parties to be present. Object: "To see if the matter can be settled without charges and a formal trial." Query: Is this proceeding regular?

Answer. The course of the lodge in trying to reconcile differences among the brethren was truly masonic. A lodge when convened is in committee of the whole at all times, and it is impossible for it to resolve itself into what it is already.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

After the close of the last Grand Lodge I met with the Committee on Uniformity of Work, and after hearing the work and lectures exemplified in the three degrees, as agreed upon by the Committee, I approved it.

On June 27th I directed the Grand Secretary to send circular letters to all the lodges in the jurisdiction, informing them that the work had been agreed upon and approved, and that the Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master George McD. Stroud, would

visit them and teach a part of the work as agreed upon and approved.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On the 27th day of February last, I commissioned Brother Jabez Edwin Thomas, Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Under date of January 30, R. W. J. S. Murrow, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, addressed a letter to Grand Secretary F. J. Babcock, stating that Brother George B. Hester, our Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, had withdrawn his membership from Ok-lo-ho-ma Lodge No. 4, and did not wish to renew it nor place his dimit with any other lodge. Under these circumstances, and in compliance with the recommendation of M. W. Florian H. Nash, contained therein, I commissioned Rev. Robert W. Hill as successor to Brother Hester.

On May 30, on the recommendation of Grand Master Lewis Johnstone, I commissioned Worthy Brother Alexander Waddell, of Halifax, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT.

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
SALEM, OREGON, AUGUST 21, 1887. }

BRETHREN:—The following Edict of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., of Connecticut, has been received by the M. W. Grand Master and is published for your information and guidance:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, A. F. AND A. M.,
STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
DANIELSVILLE, JULY 18, 1887. }

To the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of every Lodge in the State of Connecticut:

WHEREAS, At a special communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, held at Hartford, April 20, A. L. 5887, the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, was revoked, and the W. M., Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Secretary were expelled from Masonry for unmasonic conduct; and,

WHEREAS, I am informed that late members of the said Hiram Lodge, or a portion of them, continue to hold meetings and claim to confer the Degrees of Masonry, without a warrant or charter and in violation of all masonic law and usage;

Now, Therefore, I, Henry H. Green, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Connecticut, do hereby call the attention of the Craft to the aforesaid action of the Grand Lodge and, pursuant to the authority in me vested, do declare the said body, calling itself Hiram Lodge No. 1, to be clandestine, and

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Lodge of British Columbia. Action will be taken on the subject of non-affiliates.

A sermon was preached to the brethren in the Cathedral Church, New Westminster, on the festival of St. John the Baptist, 1888, by Canon W. H. Cooper, F. R. G. S., P. M. and W. M.

Total membership, 496; increase over last year, 103. Financial condition, good.

M. W. Alexander R. Milne, Grand Master, Victoria, B. C.

R. W. Henry Brown, Grand Secretary, Victoria, B. C.

CANADA.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Toronto July 18, A. L. 5888, M. W. Henry Robertson, LL. B., presiding.

An address of welcome of the Grand Lodge was made by R. W. Brother E. T. Malone, and acknowledged by the M. W. Grand Master.

After humble returns made to the Supreme Ruler for his abundant mercies, the Grand Master says—"We have been called upon to mourn the loss of two Past Grand Masters, both very distinguished brethren, to whom this Grand Lodge was deeply indebted for a long series of valuable services to Masonry in this jurisdiction—M. W. Brothers James Seymour and the Hon. Thomas White.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Master says:

Once more it is my pleasing duty to congratulate the members of the Grand Lodge upon the continued harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction. The lodges are, in general, working well, and we have no cause to complain of their want of efficiency. There is a marked improvement in the rendering of our beautiful ritual, consequent upon the measures adopted last year for securing greater uniformity.

There were eight corner-stones laid during the year with masonic ceremonies, and eight consecrations and dedications.

Of the decisions, we take two:

A visiting brother has a right to know that the body he proposes to visit is a legal body, and has the right to inspect the warrant at a proper time; but he has no right to put the lodge or its officers to trouble or inconvenience while at work. The master would be justified in refusing to allow the warrant to be taken out of the lodge-room while the lodge is at work.

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Brother Power is strongly in favor of an Orphans' Home, and his suggestions relative to the establishment of one were very appropriate. Acting upon his suggestions, a committee was appointed to receive propositions for the location of a Masonic Home, with instructions to report next year.

Sympathetic greetings were wired to Past Grand Master William G. Paxton, who was absent by reason of sickness.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had officially visited twenty-six lodges, and that from his personal observation, and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, he was able to report a healthier condition of the Craft and an increased uniformity in the work.

The annual report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, a lengthy document covering a variety of subjects, had been ordered printed in advance of the meeting of Grand Lodge and distributed among the subordinate lodges. The new digest compiled by Past Grand Master Speed was ordered printed, and he was given an appropriation of \$250.00 for superintending its publication.

It seems that by the Constitution Past Grand Masters are not members of the Grand Lodge. An effort was made to make them permanent members, with mileage and per diem, but was rejected. Query: Whence comes their material for standing committees? Are they selected from the list of Past Grand Masters? If so, are they entitled as committeemen to a vote in the Grand Lodge? If so, why? And if not, why? Will Brother Barkley please make a note of this and give us more light?

The proposed amendment, increasing the per capita tax for the Home from twenty to fifty cents, was rejected, but an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita was ordered for the current year. A scholarship in Hamilton College was tendered, but declined with thanks.

A committee was appointed to confer with like committees of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias relating to the building and maintenance of a joint Home. Whoever heard of such an idea before? It must have originated in the brain of some cranky innovator. It is an unusual procedure, and, if consummated, will lead to endless trouble. Own it all or none, brethren.

The sympathies of the Grand Lodge were extended to Brother Henry Strauss, Grand Tyler, in the loss of his wife, by a rising vote.

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which rejected him, or another lodge with the consent of that lodge, or such consent of officers and members of that lodge as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which the rejection occurred: Provided, however, that an applicant who has been rejected cannot apply again for the degrees until the expiration of six months from such rejection.

**PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON MASONIC LAW AND
JURISPRUDENCE.**

For the purpose of insuring permanency and stability to the Masonic jurisprudence of this jurisdiction, I would recommend an amendment to the Constitution which shall by its terms provide that such committee shall consist of six members, each of whom shall hold his office for the term of six years: Provided, however, that those first elected shall hold their office, two for the term of two years, two for the term of four years, and two for the term of six years.

GRAND SECRETARY TO FURNISH BLANKS.

No standard form of blanks has been adopted in this Grand Jurisdiction. In some cases defective petitions for degrees have been used by the lodges. This practice sometimes leads to unfortunate results, tends to produce confusion, and should be corrected. An improvement upon present methods of distinct advantage will appear if the business of furnishing blank petitions for initiation, affiliation, limits and other necessary papers be committed to the Grand Secretary: the blanks to be printed according to forms approved by the Grand Master, and furnished to lodges at cost. Accuracy and convenience will be promoted by adopting the system of issuing blanks, wherever practicable, in book form, with appropriate stub additions, upon which may be entered memoranda showing date and subject of the document. This standard may well be extended to include the forms necessary in the administration of the affairs of the office of Grand Master.

WRITTEN AND UNWRITTEN WORK.

All Masons appreciate the importance of accuracy and uniformity in the secret work. How shall these objects be best promoted? The Grand Lecturer is charged with the duty of visiting lodges, correcting errors, and instructing the uninformed brethren. Twice within a few years this office has been left vacant by the death of the incumbent. It is now vacant, no one having been

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REPORT OF CUSTODIANS.

Read and ordered published with proceedings.

Brethren:—I herewith submit my report as Custodian of the Work for the Willamette Valley District.

I visited nearly all the Lodges in the district, and was pleased to find a majority of them well officered and anxious to receive instruction, and where such was the case I can assure you that they are now in working order and well pleased with the work adopted by this Grand Lodge, than which there is none better.

Many changes have been suggested by good and intelligent Brother Masons, which they consider would improve the work, and while I myself would like very much to have some slight alterations made, yet I have at all times insisted in the use of the Bushee work as laid down by this Grand Lodge, and no other.

I believe the system of instruction now in use is a good one, and if persevered in will accomplish the desired result, that of uniformity of work, and have no hesitancy in stating that in a very few years such will be the case in this district.

Brethren, while this office has not been very highly satisfactory to me financially, yet the work of instructing the Brethren, the courtesies received, and the fraternal treatment I have met with have been among the greatest pleasures I have ever enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

G. L. GRAY.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge in Session:

I herewith beg to submit my report as Custodian of the Work for the District of Southern Oregon, for the year just ended.

During the year I have visited nearly every Lodge in the district; two, remote, were omitted on account of inclement weather.

I occupied from two to ten days with each Lodge. I found, as a rule, the officers to be busy men who could ill afford to spare the time necessary to acquire the adopted work as proficiently as I could wish. However, our drills were well attended in nearly every case, and the officers were anxious to acquire the work as adopted. In fact, in a number of instances I am pleased to report the officers and members well up in the work. It also gratifies me to report that generally throughout my district the Craft is in a very prosperous condition and working harmoniously.

During my visitations I was at all times received cordially

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Disbursements

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June 16—Warrant No. 1, for Minter orphans	\$ 100.00
June 16—Warrant No. 2, for Heaston orphans	200.00
July 31—Paid L. C. Stanley for quarter block purchased	25,000.00
Aug. 1—Insurance and recording deed	5.00
Sept. 23—Paid First National Bank	14,838.35
Oct. 6—Paid First National Bank	7,541.22
Oct. 30—Paid First National Bank	2,620.43
Oct. 30—Paid First National Bank	257.49

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Jan. 17—M. S. Woodcock, traveling expenses	25.00
Feb. 28—Taxes	318.00
Feb. 28—Safety deposit vault	10.00
June 12—Balance in hands of custodian	1,218.65

Total\$52,131.14

At the present date the Educational Fund consists of the following items:

1880 shares Masonic Building Association, at par	\$ 94,000.00
2 lots, corner West Park and Yamhill Streets, Portland, at cost..	25,000.00
29 bonds City of Portland, \$500 each, par value	14,500.00
Cash in hands of custodian	1,218.65

\$134,718.65

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. B. CLELAND,
M. S. WOODCOCK,
J. M. HODSON,
Trustees.

REPORTS OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

The following reports of the Custodians of the Work were read and referred to the Special Committee on Uniformity Work:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. F. & A. M.:

As Grand Custodian of Eastern Oregon Districts, I beg to submit the following report:

During the year I visited seven lodges at the regular meetings, and held about fifteen schools for instruction of the officers and members of the different lodges, devoting from one hour to ten at each, and have assisted in conferring five degrees and raising five candidates to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in order to exemplify the work. I have had printed for distribution among the lodges a key to the Senior Deacon's F. C. lecture. I find the lodges doing good, careful

work and to be careful in the selection of material, both as to physical and moral fitness, and that those upon whom the degrees have been conferred when I have been present are good material for the very best Masons.

Owing to unforeseen and unlooked for personal duties and official duties, and to the long distances between the lodges in Eastern Oregon, I have been unable to visit all of the lodges, but have done the best I could under the circumstances. Some time was required for preparation and in some of the lodges the work is as near uniform and correct as could reasonably be expected. The short time that the Custodian is able to meet the officers and members of subordinate lodges renders the work somewhat difficult.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. BEAN, Custodian Eastern Oregon District.

June 13, 1906.

Grants Pass, Ore., June 7, 1906.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Oregon:

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of work for the southern district. I find nearly all the lodges in this district in a prosperous condition and the officers in almost every lodge proficient. But not in the Oregon work. Very few of the lodges are proficient in the Oregon work. Practically all of them are using cipher books. I found cipher work from six different jurisdictions, viz.: New York, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Arkansas. I am satisfied that after the Custodian has instructed the officers and exemplified the work and goes away they will return to their books. I am convinced we can never get our work uniform throughout the State until we have our work lettered and ciphered. I would therefore recommend that this M. W. Grand Lodge consent to have our work printed in cipher and a copy furnished to each of the three principal officers of the lodges, to be transmitted to their successors in office, and thereby do away with the salary of Custodians from year to year, with scarcely any benefit derived therefrom.

Fraternally submitted,

B. W. RIGGS, Custodian Southern District.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon:

Having completed my visitations for the year I am pleased to report that good progress has been made in the work. All the lodges are using and a majority of them are quite proficient

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Uniformity of Work

A matter of much importance and to which I desire to call particular attention, is the necessity for the adoption of some system that will insure uniformity in the secret work throughout our jurisdiction. My observation has convinced me that the present system of having three custodians of the work in different portions of the state, and depending upon them to visit the different lodges and hold schools of instruction, has proved a failure, because, as a matter of fact, the Custodians do not cover their territory and visit all of the lodges; again, the work as taught by the different Custodians, is not uniform. I recommend that the Custodians be dispensed with, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare and formulate a work to be adopted as standard work for this Grand Jurisdiction; and that means be taken to introduce such work either by the use of a cypher, a Grand Lecturer, or by such other means as may seem best.

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A number of questions have been submitted to me during the past year for decision. By reference to the Constitution and By Laws adopted by this Grand Lodge, I have been able to dispose of these questions satisfactorily, and have, accordingly, no decisions to report for your consideration.

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My attention has been attracted to the work of the Masonic Board of Relief, and to the number of imposters who are continually seeking to defraud the craft; whereas, I am heartily in accord with all measures adopted for the relief of worthy brethren who may be destitute, I feel that additional safeguards should be thrown around this fund to prevent its spoilation by the designing imposter, and I recommend that additional steps, if practicable, be taken to secure a concerted action among the various Grand Jurisdictions to prevent the use of these funds by the unworthy.

42359-42360 taught by our late Brother Bushee

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disbursements at each meeting, and having the minutes properly signed when approved.

We further recommend that each Lodge, as far as possible, have the minutes that have not been signed, properly signed and attested.

Fraternally submitted

N. U. CARPENTER.

C. W. TALMAGE.

R. C. GANONG.

B. B. HALL.

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bill of Grants Pass Lodge, No. 84

As the bill submitted by Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 for money expended by said Lodge for the relief of non-affiliate J. S. Hanmer, as we believe will be contrary to the provisions of Sec. 2, Art. 21, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge for this Committee to recommend payment. We your Committee, recommend:

That the bill be not paid by this Grand Lodge.

Adopted.

M. S. WOODCOCK,

F. W. SETTLEMIER,

ALEX MARTIN, JR.

E. B. STEWART,

S. S. SPENCER.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CUSTODIAN AND

UNIFORMITY OF WORK

To the M.W.Grand Lodge of Oregon in Session:

We, your special committee on Custodian and Uniformity of Work beg leave to report:

That we have considered the matter of work in this jurisdiction and having witnessed the exemplification of degrees by the Committee which was appointed last year commend their zeal and industry but we feel that the work as presented is too wide a departure from the work taught in Oregon; we therefore recommend that the same be not adopted.

Uniform work is something greatly to be desired and all our Lodges should teach the same work, which can only be accomplished through a Grand Lecturer. The work generally used in Oregon and

recognized as the Oregon work is that which was taught by our late Brother Bushee, while he was Grand Lecturer.

We therefore recommend that Past Grand Master S. M. Yoran be appointed Grand Lecturer of this Grand Jurisdiction and that his salary be fixed at one hundred dollars per month and travelling expenses while he is actually engaged in such work; his salary and travelling expenses to be paid quarterly on the approval of the Grand Trustees.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. GRACE,
J. C. MORELAND,
L. H. HAZARD,
W. T. WRIGHT,
B. VAN DUSEN,

RESOLUTION

The following resolution introduced by Bro. P. S. Malcolm was read and ordered referred to the Finance Committee:

RESOLVED, That so much of the funds of this Grand Lodge as may be necessary are hereby appropriated to reimburse Pendleton Lodge, No. 52, for its expenditure to date for the relief of Brother Paul Leverly, a destitute Mason from the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas.

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We further recommend that the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master be requested to refer all matters connected herewith (together with all facts which Pendleton Lodge may furnish) to the Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas and request him to cause these expenditures to be repaid to Pendleton Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. WOODCOCK,
S. S. SPENCER,
ALEX. MARTIN, JR.
E. B. STEWART,
F. W. SETTLEMIER,
Committee.

Adopted.

42359-42360 CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENT RITUAL

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Fraternally submitted

N. U. CARPENTER.

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M. S. WOODCOCK,
S. S. SPENCER,
ALEX. MARTIN, JR.
E. B. STEWART,
F. W. SETTLEMIER,
Committee.

Adopted.

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In Grand Lodge

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

June 12, 1907, 3:15 o'clock P. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to Labor by the M.:W.:Grand Master. All Grand Officers being present.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK

To the M.:W.:Grand Lodge in Session:

The Committee on Uniformity of Work provided for in the proceedings of 1906 at page 59 and 60, and appointed by the M.:W.:Grand Master after the last Annual Communication, respectfully reports:

The Committee, after holding many meetings, and giving the subject careful consideration, recommend the adoption of the work to be presented and exemplified as hereinafter stated:

The members of the Committee have strictly observed all Ancient landmarks, and been guided by the Webb work in fixing the terms of the secret work. Mackay has been adopted for the written work.

On this Wednesday evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, in the Masonic Temple, the work of the Entered Apprentice Degree will be presented, and exemplified under the direction of Brother Paul Chamberlain. Immediately following this the work of the Follow Craft Degree will be presented and exemplified under the direction of Brother Ernest Barton. At the same place next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the work of the Master of Mason Degree will be presented and exemplified under the direction of Brother W. H. Jenkins.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CLELAND.
ERNEST BARTON.
PAUL CHAMBERLAIN.
W. H. JENKINS.
A. THURLOW.
A. M. KNAPP.
W. H. FLANAGAN.

Read and ordered on file.

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of Masonic teachings; the love and pride evolved from the beautiful and the good;—are created the warmth and ardor that animate the life of the individual. Without drawing invidious comparisons, let me direct appreciation to the mature Masonic spirit dwelling up in the hills of Southern Oregon in the picturesque little city of Jacksonville. Only with a conscious pang can we think of ever supplanting such chaste and heartfelt ceremonials and associations with younger fire and blood.

Yet again, with true hearts within, we sometimes find a small Lodge struggling against obstacles, the limit of its energies only reaching to an ineffective effort to preserve the outward forms and ceremonies demanded by law. The continued existence of such is questionable as being desirable.

Custodians

After due trial, it was found that the system of Custodians did not meet the demands of the jurisdiction, and it was dispensed with. But the reason creating it still remains unsatisfied, and it is to be hoped that a Grand Lecturer—formerly tried and displaced—or some other system, will in the wisdom of this Grand Body be adopted whereby the message of good cheer and information, and a refreshing of the esoteric work in the interest of uniformity, may be adopted.

Uniform Work.

In compliance with action taken at the last annual session I appointed as a committee on Uniform Work, the following:

J. B. Cleland, P. G. M.
W. H. Flanagan, P. G. M.
Ernest Barton, LaFayette Lodge No. 3
W. H. Jenkins, Hawthorne Lodge No. 111.
Paul Chamberlain, Columbia No. 114.
A. M. Knapp, Willamette No. 2.
A. Thurlow, Harmony No. 12.

This subject has awakened interest, and we may hope that this body will, in its calm conservatism, mature some plan or procedure by which our mysteries may be the more safely transmitted unimpaired to the latest posterity.

Bandon Lodge, No. 115

In obedience to the action of the Grand Lodge in having arrested the Charter of Bandon Lodge, No. 115, I commissioned our trusty Brother, R. W. Brother James F. Robinson, to visit Bandon and officially complete the action. That this was well

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constant tinkering necessary because no set of men can frame one which will cover conditions ever changing.

There is a tendency to govern too much by enactments without leaving the executive officers any lea way for the exercise of common sense when an exegency arrises.

On the ritual and cipher question he is sound:

As we have said before, it is nowhere necessary, but in new communities the various rituals, brought from everywhere, are very confusing. Virginia has no trouble and no cipher, and yet year after year our twelve custodians find no word of variation among them. Let's preserve our mouth-to-ear system, Brethren, for we are the last of all organizations to retain it.

That's all very nice and easy to say or to write, but when you run up against a new Masonic doctor in each Lodge you enter who has come to this country, maybe from Virginia and maybe from somewhere else, and each one insisting that his is the only Simon-Pure-blown-in-the-bottle work and that all the rest of us are wrong, its pretty hard to bring order out of chaos and get your mouth to the other fellow's ear long enough to convince him that other people may possibly know as much as he. All the same it will be a long time in the future, we think, before Oregon will print a Masonic ritual even in cipher form. On the question of Grand Representatives, he says in conclusion of a considerable favorable argument:

While not a necessity, the system is, to Masonry, a graceful ornament and costs nothing. Let it stand, is our verdict, and let us try to make it grow into a very useful part of our general plan.

He covers well the whole discussion of documentary evidence, sayin:

This is a grave and serious matter. Grave because of the clandestine imposters and more grave because of the many requirements in the various jurisdictions. To even mention them all would be tedious, and yet a Mason traveling in other states should have a chance to know what documents he will need, for the privilege of visiting is vastly more important to travelling Masons than stay-at-homes would suppose. The best hotels in strange cities are but poor places for a perfect stranger to pass the weary evening hours in, and the Lodge room fills the want. Uniformity is a necessity. What shall it be? Receipts for dues will not answer, for many Lodges never issue them, and nearly all Lodges have some members who pay no dues because exempt. Perhaps the best plan is a Grand Lodge card, and the bottom fact stares us in the face that no matter what we adopt it can be, probably will be, counterfelted, seal and all. After all, would it not be best to leave the Lodges to pass on each case for themselves and devote our attention to stamping out clandestinism by having the New York law adopted in all the states and seeing that it is enforced in every case.

We think it all right to require documentary evidence and it is probably impossible to have the uniform, but no matter how

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Grand Jurisdiction who are relieved from dues under Article VI, Section 3 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, (page 32) I will say that according to the last returns for Lodges, (see page 69 proceedings of 1908) there were returned as relieved from dues, 523 members.

I am of the opinion that many of the Lodges do not understand the law, and that "any member who has paid dues" *in any Lodge* (either in this jurisdiction or of other jurisdictions) or in any Lodge in all jurisdictions, is entitled to be relieved from the further payment of dues.

I am of the opinion that this matter should be made a matter of special mention and if necessary as matter of special legislation at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. F. ROBINSON,

Grand Secretary.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge last year by Grand Master Pearce, but nothing was done regarding it and the number is still increasing.

I believe the Grand Secretary's suggestions, that some action be taken in the matter, are timely and good as the statistics show that some Lodges have nearly 25 per cent of their members relieved from dues. I would recommend that this matter be referred to the committee on law and jurisprudence for their consideration.

Cipher Rituals

Under date of November 9, 1908, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, enclosing an address from the Secretary of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the use of cipher rituals of the symbolic degrees. This address comes out very strongly against the use of the cipher, and I believe that they are in the right in the matter, in their way of looking at it, although they are directly opposed to the action taken by this Grand Lodge at its last annual session, but which action I trust will be rescinded at this session of the Grand Lodge, and put us in a position where we can at least freely say to our candidates, we practice what we preach.

I have also had some correspondence with the Grand Master of Nebraska and I quote a clause from one of his letters as follows:

"I think your Grand Lodge has made a very serious mistake in adopting the cipher and I believe this is a mistake which ought to receive the attention of our Grand Lodges in general, so that its progress may be checked, before more serious injury is accomplished."

In connection with this matter, I asked the Grand Secretary for some figures relative to the cost which this Grand Lodge has been to in promulgating the secret work. I give his reply in full:

Edward E. Kiddle, Esq.,
M. W. Grand Master,
Dear Sir and Brother:

In answer to your inquiry as to the "Cost of the Grand Lodge attempt to establish a uniformity of work" will say:

I am unable to state the exact cost price to the year 1901, but from the Annual Communication of 1901 to the Annual Communication of 1908, a period of seven years, the Grand Lodge has paid for salaries of the Grand Lecturers and Custodians of the Work, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$5290.85). You are doubtless aware that we are still far from having "a uniform work" and I am constrained to believe that the question of "a uniform work" will continue to trouble the Grand Lodge for years to come.

Fraternally yours,

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According to these figures we have been to an expense in seven years of \$5290.85, or an average expense of \$755.83 each year and as we have an average enrollment for the last seven years of about 7500, this would mean about 10 cents per year, which each member has paid, and I do not believe there are very many members of the Fraternity who begrudge the 10 cents per year which this has cost.

While admitting that the system of Grand Lecturers or Custodians has not been as satisfactory as we would desire, I believe it is much more so than any results we may get from our action taken last year, and I cannot make myself think that any body of Master Masons have a right to take the step which was taken by this Grand Lodge on this subject at its last Annual Communication.

Conclusion

Brethren:

In closing this brief review of the duties and pleasures which have devolved upon the office of the Grand Master, during the past year in which you have entrusted the gavel to my care, I desire to express my thanks and gratitude to the Brethren for the able and substantial manner in which they have aided me in my labors.

The labors of the Grand Lodge are becoming more numerous each year, and while they are performed at all times by the Officers and Craft in that happy and cheerful manner which always accompanies a labor of love, still we cannot eliminate the matter time, and we often have it impressed on our minds, very forcibly and vividly that Father Time is no respecter of persons or sta-

END OF UNIFORMED SEARCH

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The election and installation of Grand officers occurred on the second day, and the reports of committees were considered. The most important perhaps, was that of the Committee on Jurisprudence, making dealers in intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes, ineligible for initiation or affiliation, which lies over until next Grand Lodge, when we hope it will be adopted.

Preparations for purchasing or building a Masonic Temple were inaugurated by setting apart \$5,000 to be known as the Temple fund, and ordering addition of \$3,000 annually with the interest of former funds until an amount sufficient is reached. Our only objection to the plan is that it will require too long to reach a sufficient amount, the point in its favor is, it is safe. They should have begun long ago.

Thanks were returned by the Grand Lodge for the hospitality of the Huntington Lodge, to the railroads for reduced rates and especially to the Elks for the use of their fine hall and its equipment.

Much other miscellaneous business was properly handled but requires no special comment.

A fine report on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand Master H. R. Howard, 274 pages well filled, which demonstrated that he wears worthily the mantle of Bro. Atkinson who for so many years ably represented his Grand Lodge at the round table, and finally withdrew for service as U. S. district judge.

Oregon for 1906 has courteous attention. He asks what we think of Grand Master Flanagan's "cipher" recommendation. Well, we realize the great difficulty of promulgating any ritual and getting it followed clearly, even if you had it printed out in full, but we have no patience with a proposition to prepare a ritual and place it in the hands of Masters of Lodges even in the form of cypher.

He was half inclined to criticise the reception of the delegation from the Eastern Star by our Grand Lodge, and then he concluded not to do so, inasmuch as we were not at labor. He is not opposed to the Eastern Star, but declares it is not Masonic. Nobody ever claims it as Masonic, but it is composed of Masons, their wives, daughters, sisters and mothers, and is about as nearly Masonic as Knights Templar, and it works along lines parallel in many respects to Masonry and we believe in encouraging the ladies in their good work.

He quotes and endorses our opinion of printed rituals, which we are pleased to say has not changed and for his personal compliments we tip our cap and thank you. We give his comment on the fellow who can neither read nor write:

In my mind it is questionable in these days of books, papers, magazines and other literature, whether a man who can neither

read nor write ought to be initiated into Masonry, but the Grand Master says that such a person is eligible and the Grand Lodge sustains the ruling. A cipher book wouldn't be of much assistance to such a fellow in learning the lectures and work.

It would, however, be an impossibility to make a really intelligent Mason out of an ignoramus, about the only redeeming feature would be he would be obliged to learn what little he did by the old system of mouth to ear, and from the instructive tongue. He is not favorable to life membership, neither are we, and he favors the occasional use of the ancient prerogative and the making of a Mason at sight. So do we. He is in favor of omitting from the Book of Proceedings the reports of Committees on Appeals and Grievances, so do we, further than just enough to identify the case and record the decision. Quoting the sophistry of Bro. Shaver of Kansas defending cypher he replies:

All of which resolves itself into the proposition that the secrets of Freemasonry may become known by means of ciphers, "available only as an aid to the memory," and that because "commercial traffickers in phonetic rituals" sell them and thereby arouses a suspicion that ciphers and keys are used in jurisdictions where they are prohibited, ciphers should be legalized, printed and distributed by all Grand Lodges. I vigorously protest and dissent from the logic, and continue to hold to the plain and unequivocal promise solemnly made when I became an E. A.

We are convinced that if every Mason in good standing, including the advocates of cyphers, were placed upon the witness stand and asked the question: At the time you were obligated an Entered Apprentice did you understand that you might write out any part of our ritual, a letter or syllable of it, so you could understand it yourself? The answer would be a unanimous, No. Now the binding part of any obligation is the understanding of its meaning by the person assuming it, and not conclusions of future sophistical reasonings.

He has devoted considerable time to investigating Masonic titles and finds variations, and tries to give each Jurisdiction the titles to suit its own style. We do not think that cuts much ice. All the Grand Lodges except Pennsylvania and possibly one other, style their chief officer Most Worshipful, and the Grand Lodge is also usually and properly styled the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, but if asked the question where the title came from or why "Worshipful" was ever adopted for the Master of a Lodge, probably not one in a thousand could make even an intelligent guess at the correct answer.

Many things in this report are interesting and we would enjoy commenting on his ideas, which are nearly all correct from our standpoint, but space limits are reached and we must desist.

41269-41270 DISCUSSION

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fully recognized the legal Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia.

St. John's Day session occurred on the 28th, and they had another full attendance. Oregon was not represented at any meeting of the year, so far as appears. Grand Officers were elected and installed, a Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Coolidge, then they quit for the year.

Past Grand Master Geo. W. Baird produced about 145 pages of choice reviews of the various Grand jurisdictions. Oregon has kindly attention, and quotation. The only reason the District proceedings ever missed attention from this writer was because he failed to get hands upon them. He reviews every report that comes to hand, whether recognized or not. That is right, as it is important to send out all the information obtainable. We smiled at his remark concerning Grecian Masonry, as we had reached that conclusion long ago.

There are said to be two "soi-distant" Grand Lodges in Greece, each proclaiming the other as spurious, and it may be that both are correct in their denunciation.

Under Canada, of the "Royal Solomon Mother Lodge," whose Charter was revoked some years ago, had at last been received, he says:

This is good news, and we sincerely hope the incident is closed in all history. The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge was so crookedly managed that we would not be surprised to hear it continues to run without a charter, or, possibly, a Cerneau charter.

Of the Grand Lodge of England investigating the Masonic standing of the French Grand bodies, he says:

This is interesting. All English-speaking Masons severed communication with the Grand Orient about thirty years ago, but the Grand Lodge of France is a more recent body, and it claims to be free of the objections we made to the Grand Orient. It will be interesting to note "in due time" the reasons of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England.

While we endorse what he says of the Orient, but if she digs deep enough the Grand Lodge may be found recognizable. He remarks:

The subject of "cypher ritual" is mentioned in several of the Grand Lodge reports, but no where so forcibly as in an address by the Hon. Henry H. Ingersoll, secretary of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. It has long been a

question in the mind of the writer, as to how any individual Mason, and more especially a body of Free and Accepted Masons, can reconcile their first obligation with the authorization of the cypher ritual. But they continue to print it and I have no doubt copies are lost now and then. Indeed, this is not denied.

The meetings for 1909 have necessarily been about the same as those reported for 1908.

H. K. Simpson, M. W. Grand Master and A. W. Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary, both of Washington, D. C.

FLORIDA, 1909.

The picture of a very handsome building, the new Masonic Temple at Jacksonville, introduces the book, dedicated January 20, 1909, and on the next page that of the Temple at Tallahassee, where the Grand Lodge was organized July 6, 1830.

The eightieth Annual was held in Jacksonville, January 19, 1909. All the Grand Officers present, 18 Dep. G. M., 8 Past Grand Masters, 165 lodges, 45 Grand Lodges represented, but Oregon was lost in the fog.

Four Special Communications had been held during the year for the purpose of laying as many corner-stones.

Elmer E. Haskell, M. W. Grand Master, in an address filling some 46 pages, made probably the most detailed report which has come our way. He mourns a long list of deceased brethren and of general relations he says:

There exists, so far as has been made to appear, nothing that may be said to disturb this and other Grand Lodges, with whom we are in fraternal recognition. Long may this status continue.

He had by proxy constituted the five newly chartered lodges and authorized 13 new ones U. D. That strikes us as pretty rapid. He had granted quite a list of special dispensations, a few waiving the sacred lunar month. He reported over 60 rulings as decisions a waste of space.

Reports show 185 lodges, with 8,595 members, a gain of 640 for the year. As to their resources, it is difficult to determine exactly, as they have invested everything in their new Temple, which cost over \$150,000 and there is an unpaid balance of about \$20,000 yet to be looked after, but we have no doubt they will pull out all right in a few years.

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That the prayer of Hiram Lodge, No. 67, be granted in changing their meeting night to be fourth Saturday of each month, and that the fee for the degree be made \$20.

That Grant's Pine Lodge, No. 84, be authorized to amend its by-laws so that they will read that the by-laws shall amount \$12 per year, and that an applicant by *dues* may apply at any regular meeting after rejection.

That the action of Jennings Lodge, No. 9, in repealing Section 2 of Article VII, of their by-laws, be approved, and the change authorized.

That Prairie City Lodge, No. 60, be authorized to change their by-laws so that said lodge may hold their meetings on Saturday evening before full moon; and, further, that the fee be \$15 for the Entered Apprentice Degree, \$10 for the Fellow Craft, and \$10 for the Master Mason Degree.

That Fairview Lodge, No. 92, be authorized to change their by-laws so that their meeting night will come on the Saturday night before the full moon.

That the set of by-laws submitted by Rickard Lodge, No. 110, and the set submitted by Lyon Lodge, No. 29, be approved, except Article V of the by-laws of Lyon Lodge, which we recommend be amended so as to conform to the by-laws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. PORTER,
A. R. HUNTER,
F. O. BORG,
Committee.

Adopted.

MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF OF PORTLAND.

The resolution of Brother F. H. Allison, to appropriate \$500 to the Portland Board of Relief, was lost.

The report of the Finance Committee, recommending the reduction of the salary of the Grand Secretary to \$800 per annum, was adopted.

To the *M. W. Grand Lodge in Session* :

We, your Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer at eight hundred dollars each per annum, beg leave to

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report that so far as said resolution refers to the Grand Secretary, we recommend its adoption; and, that portion of the resolution that refers to the Grand Lecturer, we recommend the substitution of the following:

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Lecturer be discontinued, and that a copy of the uniform work now adopted, and in *typing*, be printed in said *typing*, and one copy only be furnished to each subordinate lodge; and that the portion of this report relative to printing said work in *typing*, be not printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. ALLESTREE,
W. F. CORNWALL,
W. T. FORT,
Committee.

Adopted.

On Grand Lodge.

THIRD DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION. }
Friday, July 13th, 1894. }

Resolved, That all of the resolution of Brother Theo. Geo. of Willamette Lodge, passed at the session of 1900, making provision for the purchase of the site on Thirteenth and Washington streets, City of Portland, and providing for the building of a Temple thereon, be and is hereby repealed.

W. T. FORT,
Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

To the *M. W. Grand Lodge in Session* :

Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address referring to

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of Oregon in Session :

We, your committee, to whom was referred the address of our M.:W.:Grand Master for division and distribution, beg leave to make the following report :

That we have listened with great pleasure and satisfaction to this able document, and feel warranted in saying that never before in its history has this Grand Lodge had a more efficient executive head.

We make the following recommendations :

First : That so much as refers to the death of our M.:W.: and dearly beloved brother, Stephen Fowler Chadwick, and to our fraternal dead in general, be and the same is hereby adopted as the sentiments and feelings of the Grand Lodge.

We would further recommend that memorial tablets be suitably inscribed and printed with our proceedings in respect to their memories.

Second : We especially commend his watchful care as shown by his numerous official visitations.

Third : That the portion referring to dispensations be and the same is hereby approved.

Fourth : That so much as refers to the institution of new lodges be and the same is hereby approved.

Fifth : That in relation to cipher work — in view of the circumstances connected therewith — your committee approve of the action of our M.:W.:Grand Master, and would recommend that said action be sustained.

Sixth : That so much as refers to official decisions be referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

Seventh : That so much as refers to Washington Memorial observances be referred to a special committee of three.

Eighth : That all under the head of "Recommendations" be approved and adopted.

Ninth : That so much as refers to New Constitution, to a special committee of three.

D. P. MASON,

GEO. MCD. STROUD,

I. W. PRATT,

Committee.

Adopted.

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During March I had two applications for dispensation for two new lodges, but felt obliged to refuse both, as there was not sufficient time for the brethren to organize and make a showing which would justify their receiving charters at this session of the Grand Lodge.

During the continuance of the present state of business depression, I think it would be well for the Grand Lodge to seriously consider the effect on existing lodges, before authorizing more lodge in the thinly-settled parts of our jurisdiction. I would be glad if all our members could have lodge privileges without having to make long journeys, but so many of our lodges are poor and numerically weak, that the loss of even a few members will jeopardize their existence.

CIPHER WORK.

In my judgment, the evil of hasty legislation, is well shown in the resolution passed by the last Grand Lodge, in the closing hours of its session, having for its object the printing of the unwritten work in what is termed cipher, erroneously supposed to be intelligible to members of the Order only. I believe that it has been demonstrated that there is no code constructed from the letters of the alphabet but what can be deciphered by one familiar with such work. Leaving that out of consideration, the fact that the resolution referred to was passed by a vote of forty-three to thirty-eight, out of the 350 or more votes that should have been cast on this, one of the most important questions that can come before a Grand Lodge of Masons, I have deemed it my duty to take no action in this matter, because the printing of any part of the unwritten work, in any manner that may become legible, or intelligible, even to ourselves, is, I am firmly convinced, a violation of our obligation.

When the attentive ear ceases to receive from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Masonry are no longer lodged in the repository of faithful breasts, our grand old Order has passed over the summit of its success, and will rapidly move on the downward grade.

If any change has been made in the ancient obligation, which will permit any Mason in this jurisdiction to carry out the action contemplated by the resolution referred to, I feel confident that no such change was ever authorized by this Grand Lodge.

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the adoption of the resolution offered last year and printed on page 80 of the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. GRACE
W. H. FLANAGAN
J. C. MORELAND
S. M. YORAN

Committee

The report of the committee was presented before the Grand Lodge and was ordered not adopted.

RESOLUTION

To Procure a Cipher for the Revised Work of the Grand Lodge

A resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge asking that the report, of the special committee appointed to revise the work of this Grand Jurisdiction, be referred back to the committee with the request that they procure a cipher of that work.

CALLED OFF

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 this afternoon.

In Grand Lodge

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, June 11, 1908

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:30 o'clock P. M. All officers present.

RECEPTION OF A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

The Grand Lodge of Oregon was honored by a visit from Hon. Yancy C. Blalock, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Washington.

Bro. Blalock was introduced by Grand Master Pearce, and welcomed to the home of his mother Grand Lodge.

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Grand Jurisdiction who are relieved from dues under Article VI, Section 3 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, (page 32) I will say that according to the last returns for Lodges, (see page 69 proceedings of 1908) there were returned as relieved from dues, 523 members.

I am of the opinion that many of the Lodges do not understand the law, and that "any member who has paid dues" *in any Lodge* (either in this jurisdiction or of other jurisdictions) or in any Lodge in all jurisdictions, is entitled to be relieved from the further payment of dues.

I am of the opinion that this matter should be made a matter of special mention and if necessary as matter of special legislation at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. F. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge last year by Grand Master Pearce, but nothing was done regarding it and the number is still increasing.

I believe the Grand Secretary's suggestions, that some action be taken in the matter, are timely and good as the statistics show that some Lodges have nearly 25 per cent of their members relieved from dues. I would recommend that this matter be referred to the committee on law and jurisprudence for their consideration.

Cipher Rituals

Under date of November 9, 1908, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, enclosing an address from the Secretary of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the use of cipher rituals of the symbolic degrees. This address comes out very strongly against the use of the cipher, and I believe that they are in the right in the matter, in their way of looking at it, although they are directly opposed to the action taken by this Grand Lodge at its last annual session, but which action I trust will be rescinded at this session of the Grand Lodge, and put us in a position where we can at least freely say to our candidates, we practice what we preach.

I have also had some correspondence with the Grand Master of Nebraska and I quote a clause from one of his letters as follows:

"I think your Grand Lodge has made a very serious mistake in adopting the cipher and I believe this is a mistake which ought to receive the attention of our Grand Lodges in general, so that its progress may be checked, before more serious injury is accomplished."

In connection with this matter, I asked the Grand Secretary for some figures relative to the cost which this Grand Lodge has been to in promulgating the secret work. I give his reply in full:

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such claims as these have no foundation either in fact or in right under our Oregon system, except in so far as the constituent Lodge is performing the legitimate labors of Masonry and complying with the law established by all of the other Lodges composing the Grand Jurisdiction.

The practices of Free Masonry, in a society of the kind it is traditionally claimed to be, are peculiar and fixed; peculiar in that no other institution has them, and fixed because ancient tradition and historical fact, as well as law, edict and decree, statutorily confirm the same. The institution suffers from the bringing into it matters and things pertaining to other societies and fraternities.

Let it be known to you that the constituent Lodge which understands Masonry, which promulgates it among its members and observes its fundamental principles and complies with the laws of the Order will have no complaint of interference with its rights.

Toleration for the opinions and acts of others is a Masonic injunction and Lodges that attempt to put on the spectacular or try to stage something out of the ordinary or spend or devote their funds to other than Masonic purposes, or whose members constantly seek some evasion of the regulations of the Order, find themselves immediately against the order of the Grand Lodge, and brethren should remember that if they desire to maintain an existence under the authority of this Grand Lodge they must be observant of and act in conformity to the laws, rules and regulations of the institution or suffer the consequences.

V. VISITATIONS AND EXECUTIVE WORK

Of work done or duty performed by me reluctance forbids me speak. Duplication is unnecessary. The Grand Secretary's report is full. Detailed information of all executive action and things transacted by me during my term has been deposited with the Grand Secretary, should anyone care to examine it; and to him, and to all of you, my gratitude is full for co-operation and assistance.

A few remarks, however, will show what appears and is found by going over the Jurisdiction:

Too much detail of direction, instruction and visitation among Lodges and brethren falls upon the Grand Master's office and denies him needed opportunity for strictly executive work urgently required between other Grand Jurisdictions and this.

This Jurisdiction is affected with a mental disease of forbidding aspect and virulent symptoms which consist on the one part of those who want a Key for all of the members of the institution, and on the other part those who want a Key for the active officers of the Lodge. Last session you directed publication of a Key for the Wardens, but there was not money to meet this appropriation. A Key or Cipher is a destructive, nefarious, vicious thing, destroying one of the five points of fellowship and the only place for it is in the archives of the Grand Secretary as a standard of reference.

Neglect of the young Mason and the entire absence of Masonic educational facilities induces waning interest among members and small attendance in Lodges and prevents the growth of healthy Masonic minds.

Masonry in Oregon is now the slave of form and ceremony, the creature of too much law and regulation, and the cringing instrument of self-interest. Ignorance begets imprudence, indifferences and neglect impair its vigor and the misuse and abuse of the ballot destroy its fraternity.

The revival must come from the Masters and Wardens, better interest, closer contact with this Grand Body; we are all too far apart.

VI. DISPENSATIONS

But one dispensation has been granted during the year and that to the brethren of Sherwood, Oregon.

Albert Pike Lodge and Sunnyside Lodge are still working under dispensation and their work has been of such a character and their harmony of such a degree that I recommend to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters their painstaking consideration for a favorable report.

VII. REVOCATION OF CHARTER

For causes and reasons appearing in the record in the hands of the Grand Secretary, I have revoked the charter of Bay City Lodge, No. 102, and this will be before you for consideration.

VIII. APPEAL

An appeal has been preferred from Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, in the matter of Nieman, and from Mount Hood Lodge, No. 157, in the matter of Barlett, both of which, through your usual Committee, will have consideration.

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by the Grand Secretary and the members of the committee have merely signed the report prepared for them by him.

This method of procedure has been practically necessary for the reason that it is not possible for a committee while attending the three-day session of the Grand Lodge to review all the reports and compile the data therein contained. To attempt to get the members of the committee together for a sufficient length of time on some other date has not proved feasible.

In view of these facts I recommend that the committee be dispensed with and that the work heretofore assigned to it, be made one of the duties of the Grand Secretary.

NON-MASONIC ACTIVITIES

On two different occasions I have been asked whether or not a lodge may sponsor or contribute from its funds to a Boy Scout Troop. In each instance I have replied that I know of no provision of our law which would prohibit a lodge from making a contribution to any worthy movement. In my letter to each of these lodges I reminded them of the importance of being able at all times to render assistance to those who might have a just claim upon them, and that charity and other Masonic activities should always come ahead of requests from outside organizations. At one time I was a Scout Master and therefore have some knowledge of the excellent work being done by this great organization. It is a movement worthy of the support of every individual belonging to our order. It is my opinion, however, that the funds of a lodge, whether received from dues or other sources, should be considered as trust funds dedicated to the furtherance of Masonic activities only.

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

In company with our Grand Secretary, I attended the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., on February 20. Forty-one Grand Jurisdictions were represented. This conference was presided over by Brother Howard R. Cruse, Grand Master of New Jersey.

A number of questions of interest and importance to the craft at large were discussed. Among others were the following:

- Inter-jurisdictional relief.

- A uniform system of regulations governing the visiting of brethren of one jurisdiction sojourning in another jurisdiction.

- Use of cipher codes. Can publication of such codes be controlled by the jurisdictions in which they are published?

Can the sale and distribution of such codes be prohibited in jurisdictions where they are not permitted?

Inter-jurisdictional visits of lodges and the conferring of degrees by visiting lodges. Should visiting lodges in conferring degrees be required to conform to the ritual of the jurisdiction in which they are visiting?

As there is no General Grand Lodge, it seems that there is no other way for the several Grand Jurisdictions to get together and work out a uniform and satisfactory solution of the various problems, such as those above listed, that arise from time to time.

The spirit of harmony prevailed throughout this gathering, and much good should result from similar meetings in the future.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

Immediately following the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington on February 20, your Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association which was opened in the historic Lodge Room of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21.

A detailed report of the progress of construction was submitted by President Louis A. Watres, from which it appeared that the work had then advanced to the elevation of eighty-two feet, but that much remained to be done. The work has gone forward only as there have been funds to pay for labor and materials. The estimated cost of completion is \$642,000.

It is the hope of those in charge of this great undertaking that the contributions from the several Grand Lodges throughout the country will be sufficient to insure completion by the end of 1931. They are particularly anxious that when in 1932 our nation celebrates the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington the countless thousands who pass through Alexandria on their way from the national capitol to Mt. Vernon, may behold a finished structure.

In the concluding paragraph of his address, President Watres said:

Ancient nations eulogized their heroes in enduring materials and imperishable art. These still speak eloquently to us, though their words may long since have been forgotten. So our Temple, better than our words, will transmit to posterity the lofty attributes of him whose priceless service to humanity was its inspiration. Our Temple typifies the overtowering character of him in whose memory it shall stand. Two elements combine to give inspiration to our ideals of an ap-

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The total in the fund on April 30 was \$47,461.38. The interest earned and paid to lodges the past year was at the rate of four and one-half per cent. The fund is invested in first class securities and is safeguarded by the careful scrutiny of the Grand Secretary and finance committee.

THE GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE

Pursuant to call, the conference of Grand Masters of Masons in the United States met at the Willard Hotel in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on Monday, February 21, 1938 at 9:30 o'clock, a. m. There were present 43 Grand Masters, 32 Grand Secretaries and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as many Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge officers and many other Masons of national prominence. Your Grand Master and Grand Secretary were proud to represent the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon at the Conference.

I feel that the acquaintances made with the leaders of Craft Masonry of the United States and the inspiration derived from the splendid addresses and discussions justifies the continuance of this yearly custom.

I present the agenda of the conference for your information:

Agenda

(In compliance with many suggestions and to encourage general discussion from the floor, only one Grand Master, instead of two, as heretofore, has been assigned to present a prepared paper on each topic. Free discussion and questions are earnestly desired.)

1. Are Printed Rituals Advisable? If so, what should be included therein? In what manner and to what extent should they be distributed? What are the methods of distribution and control in use at present in the several Grand Jurisdictions? Discuss in this connection the use of cipher codes, their publication and control.

Discussion to be opened by Grand Master Harry B. Wright of Maryland.

2. Should the Doctrine of "Physical Perfection" in Candidates Be Relaxed, and, if so, to What Extent? If practicable, present summary of regulations of the several Grand jurisdictions on this subject.

Discussion to be opened by Grand Master John Temple Rice of Texas.

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